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ELECTION 2020

House candidates raise about $358,000

Latest campaign finance reports show donors, spending

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

The eight candidates running for state representative in Southwest Michigan raised more than $358,000 from Aug. 25 to Oct. 18.

Their pre-general campaign finance reports were due to the state last Friday. Post-election reports are due Dec. 3. All reports are available to read by going to www.michigan.gov/sos and clicking on campaign finance under the elections tab.

79th state House

Democrat Chokwe Pitchford outraised Republican State Rep. Pauline Wendzel during this reporting period.

Pitchford raised $139,618, while Wendzel raised $35,225.

Pitchford's biggest contributions were $5,000 from Lasinki For Michigan PAC, $5,000 from United Auto Workers and $5,000 from the Building Bridges PAC.

So far this campaign cycle, he's raised $169,690.

During the reporting period he spent $101,426. His biggest expenditures were for a broadcast TV buy, a TV ad buy and final ad filming.

At the end of the reporting period, he had $68,264 on hand.

Wendzel's biggest contributions during this time were $10,000 from the Chatfield Majority Fund 3 (an independent Michigan leadership PAC), $2,000 from the Automobile Club Michigan PAC and $2,000 from the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers PAC.

So far this campaign cycle, she's raised $110,790.

During the reporting period she spent $99,584. Her biggest expenditures were for media airtime, a donation to the House Republican Campaign Committee and to Point O'Woods Golf and Country Club for rental and food.

On hand, at the end of the reporting period, she had $11,205.

78th state House

Democrat Dan VandenHeede outraised Republican State Rep. Brad Paquette during this reporting period.

VandenHeede raised $26,430, while Paquette raised $11,344.

VandenHeede's biggest contributions were $5,000 from United Auto Workers, $5,000 from the Berrien County Democratic Party and $2,000 from the Michigan Education Association PAC.

So far this campaign cycle, he's raised $39,823.

During this period, he spent $29,704. His biggest expenditures were for advertisements, postage and printing.

On hand at the end of the period, he had $10,119.

Paquette's biggest contributions were $1,000 from Business Leaders for Michigan PAC and $1,000 from

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HP file photo / Don Campbell

Customers use the drive-thru at the United Federal Credit Union in St. Joseph in May. United is expected to close its acquisition of Edgewater Bank in 2021, which is also based in St. Joseph.

UFCU to acquire Edgewater Bank in 2021

Proposed deal awaits stockholder, regulatory approval

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — United Federal Credit Union and Edgewater Bank made waves Tuesday morning with the announcement of a deal that would join the two financial institutions.

United is planning to acquire Edgewater, absorbing all of the bank's employees and the majority of its locations. The deal is expected to be finalized in the spring of 2021.

United President and CEO Terry O'Rourke said the plan is to "strategically unite into the area's foremost local financial institution."

"This collaboration is all about the community," O'Rourke said in a news release. "Our two organizations are 100 percent committed to local decision-making, local investment and local involvement, and we both want to fortify that real local focus. Together, we can do more for the financial well-being of everyone that calls Southwest Michigan home."

Edgewater's President and CEO Rick Dyer said the acquisition will put an emphasis on making sure Southwest Michigan has strong financial opportunities.

Dyer referenced the pending deal as "real local progress."

"Our two organizations share the same core values and have similar cultures. That's why we are calling this partnership the 'Real United' campaign," Dyer said in the release. "Our teams understand what it means to take care of our customers and members and how to exceed their expectations for service. Rather than continue competing for local business, employees and resources, it makes the most sense to combine our expertise to truly be the most dynamic, financial force in our local communities."

The deal would join Edgewater – and its 110 years in Southwest Michigan – with United, which was founded more than 70 years. Both institutions have headquarters in St. Joseph.

Edgewater Bank operates five bank branches in Berrien County and two loan production offices in Fremont and Greenville, Mich., and had about $249.1 million in assets as of Sept. 30.

United has 37 branches in six states with more than 177,000 members. The acquisition would increase United's total number of branches to 41 and total assets to about $3.5 billion.

The transition

If the shareholder and regulatory approvals are finalized, Edgewater customers will be eligible to become United members. In doing so, they would have access to more technology, products and services as well as other United membership perks.

However, O'Rourke said many things will stay the same as part of the deal.

Pending regulatory approval, all of Edgewater's branches will remain open – except for one. Due to its proximity to United's Buchanan branch, Edgewater's Buchanan branch and its employees will be consolidated into the nearby United branch.

"We want Edgewater customers to know that they can expect to maintain the same local relationships they have with the commercial lending officers and employees they have come to value and trust," O'Rourke said.

Dyer is expected to have a leadership role as community president with United once the acquisition is complete.

"I will remain actively involved in local decision-making," Dyer said. "You will continue to see me and other Edgewater team members advocating for and working in the best interests of everyone in our area."

Until approvals are complete, O'Rourke said it will be business as usual for both organizations. Edgewater customers will continue to access their branches, accounts and services as they do now.

Both CEOs have said their customers, members and employees will get updates throughout the approval and regulatory processes. O'Rourke said the transition from Edgewater to United will be as smooth as possible.

"This is a partnership of minds and ideas, of ideals and values, of resources, talent and community spirit," O'Rourke said.

The acquisition was unanimously approved by the board of directors of both financial institutions.

United has been assisted by Michael Bell with Honigman LLP and Charley McQueen with McQueen Financial Advisors. Edgewater was advised by Luse Gorman, PC and Donnelly Penman & Partners.

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Getting paid to work from home

Cornerstone campaign offers $15K for permanent relocation to region

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — An economic development agency is offering people who are able to work remotely up to $15,000 to relocate to Southwest Michigan.

Cornerstone Alliance, in partnership with multiple organizations in Berrien County, launched the Move to Michigan campaign this week to spur interest among Chicago area residents to relocate to Southwest Michigan.

"The pandemic has made it even more clear that Southwest Michigan is the place to be," said Rob Cleveland, president and CEO of Cornerstone Alliance. "People want to be outside, in a less-dense area. It has never been easier to work remotely.

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Tony Wittkowski / HP staff

Cornerstone Alliance launched a campaign this week to draw more remote workers to live in Southwest Michigan. The campaign would grant up to $15,000 to anyone who does not live in the state to move to Southwest Michigan.

Howard Ice Rink hours, restrictions, set

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Weather permitting, the Howard Ice Arena in St. Joseph will open for the season on Nov. 21, but with changes in operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The schedule for open skate will be in two-hour time slots with a half hour between sessions to allow for guests to leave before the next group arrives.

Reservations will be required for open skate due to limited capacity and the need to obtain information from skaters in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

The schedule for open skating will be: 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday; noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 2-6:30 p.m. Tuesday; 3-7:30 p.m. Thursday; 5-10 p.m. Friday through Jan. 1 and 1-5:30 p.m. January through March; and 3:30-10 p.m Saturday.

Stick & Puck hours will be: 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday; 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday; and 2-3 p.m. Saturday.

Adult League Hockey will be on Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m.

Hours for open skate and Stick & Puck will be different during Thanksgiving week and Winter Break, and the ice arena will be closed on Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 25 for Christmas.

In addition, the Howard Ice Arena, after conferring with the Berrien County

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Trump, 'lock her up' chants return to Michigan

By CRAIG MAUGER
The Detroit News (TNS)

LANSING — President Donald Trump returned to battleground Michigan on Tuesday and so did his supporters' chants of "lock her up" about Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

About 35 minutes into the president's speech, he described the election as a choice between a "Trump boom" and a "Biden lockdown," referring to Democrat presidential candidate Joe Biden and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"You're already locked down," Trump then said as the crowd began chanting, "Lock her up."

The president then said, "I don't comment on that," adding that if he did, the media would criticize him for leading the chant.

The president last visited Michigan on Oct. 17 for a rally that drew thousands in Muskegon. At one point, the crowd at that event chanted "lock her up," referring to Whitmer, as Trump criticized her restrictions aimed at stemming the spread of COVID-19.

The Muskegon "lock her up" chant came less than two weeks after authorities revealed an alleged plot to kidnap the Democratic governor, who resides in Lansing.

Whitmer responded to the chant on Twitter: "This is exactly the rhetoric that has put me, my family, and other government officials' lives in danger while we try to save the lives of our fellow Americans. It needs to stop."

In Lansing, Trump noted that his appointees – the U.S. attorneys for Detroit and Grand Rapids – filed the charges against six of the 14 defendants who are accused in the alleged kidnapping scheme. But the president indicated the defendants could be found innocent at trial.

"It was our people that helped her out with her problem," the president said. "We'll have to see if it's a problem, right? People are entitled to say maybe it was a problem, maybe it wasn't."

The Whitmer campaign immediately sent out a fundraising email that said Trump "just doubled down on his attacks against Gretchen – and we need to respond. Trump's rhetoric is dangerous to our country and dangerous to our leaders, like Gretchen, who are doing everything they can to keep us safe during these times."

The email from "Team Whitmer" requested a donation "to defend Michigan and return decency to the White House on November 3." The governor is a national co-chair for Biden's campaign.

With temperatures in the 30s, light rain falling and COVID-19 cases on the rise in the state, the line into the Lansing event at about noon appeared to be longer than the lines for the president's last two stops in Michigan. In addition to Muskegon, he visited Freeland on Sept. 10.

Jae C. Hong / AP

Firefighter Raymond Vasquez battles the Silverado Fire on Monday, in Irvine, Calif. A fast-moving wildfire forced evacuation orders for 60,000 people in Southern California on Monday as powerful winds across the state prompted power to be cut to hundreds of thousands to prevent utility equipment from sparking new blazes.

Wind a risk as California fires keep tens of thousands away

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER and OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Crews tried to beat back two out-of-control wildfires in Southern California on Tuesday that have kept tens of thousands of people out of their homes even as another round of dangerous fire weather raises the risk for flames erupting across the state.

Fierce winds that drove twin fires through brushy hills near cities in Orange County a day earlier were expected to pick back up, although not to the earlier extremes, according to the National Weather Service.

Southern California Edison reported to regulators that it was investigating whether its equipment might have sparked the Silverado Fire near the city of Irvine. With utility equipment blamed for several destructive fires in recent years, Edison was among the utilities in California that deliberately cut power to customers to prevent equipment from being knocked down or hit with debris in the winds and sparking wildfires.

Irvine residents had to evacuate after a fire broke out early Monday, while later and a few miles away, another blaze, the Blue Ridge Fire, sent people fleeing from the Yorba Linda area. More than 100,000 people were under evacuation orders.

At least 10 homes were damaged and crews protected hundreds more as winds pushed flames down ridges toward neighborhoods. There was little containment of the fires, which continued to grow throughout the day.

Forecasts call for Santa Ana winds to keep blowing over much of Southern California, with some of the strongest gusts howling through Orange County, where the major blazes are. The winds were expected to be lighter than a day earlier and die down by nighttime.

The gusts were so strong Monday that they toppled several semi-trucks on highways and forced firefighters to ground their aircraft, though they got back up by late afternoon and were expected to fly Tuesday.

Two firefighters, one 26 and the other, 31, were critically injured while battling the larger blaze near Irvine, according to the county's Fire Authority, which didn't provide details on how the injuries occurred. They each suffered second- and third-degree burns over large portions of their bodies and were getting help breathing at a hospital, officials said.

Ruth Anderson and her husband, Michael, grabbed medications and luggage as powerful winds whipped up in their Irvine neighborhood on Monday. They begged their neighbors to leave too, then drove off, only to find themselves in a traffic jam as orange smoke descended.

"You could hardly see in front of you," she said. "You didn't know if there was a wall of fire coming or not."

Once safely at a friend's house a few cities over, "we made pumpkin martinis and tried to forget about life," Anderson laughed.

Southern California Edison cut power to about 38,000 homes and businesses, although it restored some power by Monday night.

In Northern California, easing winds allowed Pacific Gas & Electric to begin restoring power after the largest of five safety shutoffs this year.

At its peak, PG&E cut power to about 345,000 customers – an estimated 1 million people – in 34 counties. The nation's largest utility said it has restored power to more than 156,000 customers. Electricity is expected to come back at the remaining homes and buildings by Tuesday night after crews do inspections to make repairs and ensure equipment is safe.

A dozen reports of damage had been received, PG&E said.

Nearly two dozen wildfires were reported in Northern California on Sunday night and Monday but all were rapidly contained without serious damage.

The threat, however, was far from over in many parts of PG&E's vast service area. A red-flag warning of extreme fire danger was in place Tuesday in the Santa Cruz Mountains near the San Francisco Bay Area and some coastal and valley areas, with warnings extending into Tuesday evening for some higher elevations in the Bay Area.

"Bone-dry" humidity could dry out vegetation, which can contribute to "catastrophic" fires, PG&E meteorology chief Scott Strenfel said.

"The conditions are very, very unsafe," said Mark Quinlan, the utility's incident commander.

However, once the winds ease, the weather should remain calm through the weekend, Quinlan said.

LOTTERIES

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
AD-KH-KS-5D-4H
Midday Daily 3
0-5-0
Midday Daily 4
2-7-2-2
Daily 3
0-9-6
Daily 4
6-8-5-6
Fantasy 5
04-08-09-16-17
Keno
04-08-09-10-12-17-18-24-27-31-33-41-50-55-60-63-67-68-72-73-78-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$109 million
Powerball jackpot
$116 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
05-06-09-12-36
Cash4Life
01-06-19-58-59, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
06-09-14-15-18-20-21-27-28-32-34-38-44-47-53-57-67-73-74-80, BE: 38
Daily Three-Midday
3-8-9, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
9-7-6, SB: 7
Daily Four-Midday
8-2-3-0, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
6-2-3-4, SB: 7
Quick Draw Evening
01-04-05-16-18-21-23-26-29-30-32-36-37-39-54-59-62-68-74-77, BE: 68

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10-12-23-24-25-42, Extra Shot: 8
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
11-17-21-23-34
Pick Three-Midday
6-9-5, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
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2 conservative hoaxers charged in Ohio for robocalls

By MARK GILLISPIE
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CLEVELAND — Two conservative operatives facing criminal charges in Michigan were indicted in Cleveland on Tuesday for organizing tens of thousands of hoax robocalls – made to predominantly Black Midwestern cities – that falsely warned people information gleaned from their mail-in ballots could lead to their arrest or forced vaccinations.

Arrest warrants were issued Tuesday for Jacob Wohl, 22, of Los Angeles, and Jack Burkman, 54, of Arlington, Virginia. They face multiple counts of bribery and voter intimidation after being indicted by a Cuyahoga County grand jury. Online court records don't indicate whether the men have attorneys.

They were charged in Detroit on Oct. 1 with conspiring to intimidate voters and using a computer to commit crimes. A judge entered not guilty pleas on their behalf. Their first court appearance in Cleveland is scheduled for Nov. 13.

The men are accused of using a voice broadcast service to make tens of thousands of hoax calls to voters in Ohio, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

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Gwen Swanigan, founder of the S.H.A.R.P. Foundation (Society Harmonizing Against Racial Profiling), speaks Tuesday in Benton Harbor about possible voter intimidation planned by the Proud Boys on Election Day next week.

BH officials taking voter intimidation threat seriously

Resolution to be introduced for 'Election Day of Grace'

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor City Commissioner Ron Singleton said he's concerned about possible voter intimidation happening on Election Day next week.

During a press conference Tuesday, he said he is taking an alleged online threat of the Proud Boys coming to Benton Harbor High School, one of the city's polling places, very seriously.

"This election is too important to allow those types of things to interfere with what this country stands for – the pursuit of happiness, democracy," he said during the press conference, which was sponsored by the S.H.A.R.P. Foundation (Society Harmonizing Against Racial Profiling). "People have gone across seas and fought wars, people have died for democracy."

Singleton, a former police chief in the city, said the Proud Boys are a radical white supremacist hate group. He said he was especially concerned when President Donald Trump told the Proud Boys during a debate last month to "stand back and stand by."

"People don't want other folks to vote," he said. "We don't want to see that here in Benton Harbor."

But he said another problem is that if there's a police presence at the polls, some people won't vote.

He said he will introduce a resolution during Monday's city commission meeting asking Public Safety Director Dan McGinnis to announce that Election Day is a day of grace for people with nonviolent arrest warrants. That way people can vote without being afraid of being arrested, he said.

Elnora Gavin, a S.H.A.R.P. Foundation supporter, said that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the courts were closed and now have limited access so people have been unable to take care of their business, such as tickets for child safety seat violations.

Monday's city commission meeting will be virtual at 7 p.m. Information on how to join can be found at www.bhcity.us.

Gwen Swanigan, founder of the S.H.A.R.P. Foundation, said there are 10 action steps people can take to defend all voices this election season. The first one, she said, is signing the "Election Day of Grace" petition at electiondayofgrace.com.

Other action steps include voting early by absentee ballot and working a shift at the polls as a volunteer citizen to guard against intimidation tactics through We the People MI, which has a Facebook page.

Swanigan said she was told of the online threat from the Proud Boys during a conference call by an ACLU attorney.

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NAACP to monitor voting sites for intimidation

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit NAACP branch announced Tuesday that its members and area attorneys will monitor polls across the city and state on Election Day for instances of voter intimidation or voter suppression.

The group said that if any such efforts are seen, or if any voters feel threatened by gun-carrying individuals "watching" the polls, police and prosecutors will be contacted.

They point to President Donald Trump's encouragement of a far-right extremist group to "stand back and stand by" and his calls for an army of "poll watchers" to keep tabs on polling places as reasons to be vigilant.

Other voting rights advocates around the U.S. have similar concerns heading into next Tuesday's presidential election that anti-government extremists and other armed civilians may stand outside polling places in urban areas and other communities where people of color cast their ballots.

"We're not police officers, but we have eyes and we have ears," said Chui Karega, a lawyer and general counsel for the Detroit branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "We will stand tall and we will be present to assist in the enforcing of the law."

"We will be virtually at every polling place in this city, in this county, in this state – making sure that if anything happens, anything goes wrong, anybody starts brandishing a weapon we will be there," he added. "And we will act within the full authority of the law to prosecute these people to stop their actions and to make sure that everyone has the right to vote and their vote be counted."

The Detroit NAACP has a hotline number where people can call on Election Day. Detroit-area law enforcement has been contacted about the group's plans, according branch President the Rev. Wendell Anthony.

"They are on the case. They are award of this, too," Anthony told reporters, referring to the possibility of people carrying guns showing up at polling sites.

"This is not a Second Amendment issue," Anthony said. "This is a right to vote issue. We want people to have access to the voting booth unmolested, uncontested and unintimidated."

Anthony also questioned the need for bringing guns and rifles to voting sites.

"Why would you be standing out there with an AR-15 or AK-47? Anthony said. "What's the purpose of that? Nothing more than intimidation and to try to discourage people from voting."

ELECTION BRIEFS

Changes to Watervliet school board race

WATERVLIET — The race for seats on the Watervliet school board has become even more unique this week.

Wendy Hart, a Watervliet resident with children in the district, has decided to run as a write-in candidate for the open partial-term seat in which no one filed to run.

In addition, Matthew Clay, an incumbent running for re-election, had to resign from the board this week to take an out of state job, according to board president Bill Spaulding.

Clay had been on the school board since 2014 and served as the board's secretary.

Four people filed to run for three, six-year seats on the board. The candidates include Clay and Spaulding, as well as Kimberly Adams and Brian Gruszczyk.

Though Clay appears on the ballot, he would obviously not serve if he is one of the top three vote-getters.

2 vie for title of Coloma mayor

COLOMA — Two people are seeking to be Coloma's next mayor with the retirement of long-time Mayor Jim Polashak.

Marsha Hammond and Jason Hicks are seeking the four-year term.

Hammond is the current mayor pro-tem and has served as a city commissioner for 19 years.

Hicks is also a current commissioner and has served since 2012.

6 candidates for 3 Coloma city commission seats

COLOMA — Two incumbents and four other hopefuls are running for three four-year terms on the Coloma city commission.

Julie Smith and Kent Churchill are seeking re-election to their seats, while Jamie Balkin, Harold Bragg, Jeffrey Krolzick and Taylor Prestidge are also running.

The third open seat is due to Commissioner Jason Hicks' run for Coloma mayor.

Another commission seat would also become open if Marsha Hammond is elected mayor, as her seat is not up for re-election until 2022.

Watervliet mayor facing election challenge

WATERVLIET — A Watervliet city commissioner is challenging the current mayor for his seat this election.

Deah Muth and David Brinker are seeking the four-year term.

Brinker was appointed mayor in 2010 after the resignation of the previous mayor and won subsequent elections for the last 10 years. He was a city commissioner prior to his appointment.

Muth has been a city commissioner since 2012 and is the executive secretary for Watervliet Public Schools.

Fountain overhaul delayed a year

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The Maids of the Mist fountain in Lake Bluff Park will be off to Ohio for a facelift, but it won't be until next year.

The St. Joseph City Commission voted Monday to approve the proposal from McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory of Oberlin, Ohio, for the renovation and restoration of the fountain at a cost of $178,639 to be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund, with work to begin in October 2021.

The original intent was for the work to take place over this winter, to have the fountain back in time for next summer. But McKay Lodge is backed up with work due to COVID-related shutdowns earlier this year.

Greg Grothous, deputy director of parks and grounds, told the city commission that the soonest McKay could begin the work would be next May, which would mean the fountain would be gone for the summer. Instead, he said, McKay was willing to schedule the project to begin next October and take place over the winter. The fountain then would return to St. Joseph in spring 2022.

The city had applied for a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs to help fund the project. Grothous said the project scored well but missed out on funding by a few points. He said the delay in the project will allow the city to again apply for grant funding.

A company that earlier assessed the condition of the Maids of the Mist fountain told city officials that fountains such as this should receive a thorough overall about every 30 years, and it is now 46 years since the last renovation/restoration was performed in 1974.

The Maids of the Mist fountain was created in 1872-73 and has had its home in Lake Bluff Park since 1892.

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The renovation and restoration of the Maids of the Mist Fountain on the bluff in St. Joseph will begin in October 2021, not this year as originally planned.

St. Joseph plans additional holiday lights downtown

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Holiday lights will soon light up downtown St. Joseph.

The city commission voted Monday to approve a winter project that calls for wrapping 84 trees in the downtown area with lights.

The city will allocate $11,400 toward the $27,400 project. The remainder will be paid, at $4,000 each, by St. Joseph Today, Cornerstone Alliance, the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council and the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber.

City Manager John Hodgson said city officials have met with the representatives of those organizations to talk about ways to support the downtown businesses as winter arrives and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a factor.

"It was felt that creating a welcoming atmosphere would invite customers into the downtown area, and wrapping trees in lights was selected as an attractive way to do this," Hodgson said.

These lights are in addition to the city's annual Light Up the Bluff display, which the city has begun erecting.

HouseMaster of St. Joseph will wrap the trees and will own the lights and maintain them, replacing bulbs that burn out.

In another matter at this week's meeting, the city commission approved a $10,285 proposal from Second Nature Gardens to renovate the amphitheater in Milton Park, to be paid from the Capital Maintenance Fund.

Greg Grothous, deputy director of parks and grounds, said the terraced seating area, built in the 1970s using railroad tie type timber, has deteriorated over the years. The work will include replacing the railroad ties with block walls and deepening the width of the terrace. The contract calls for the work to be completed by June 1, 2021.

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IN BRIEF

Van Buren records another COVID-19 death

Van Buren County recorded a new COVID-19 death Tuesday, bringing the county's death toll to 17.

In addition, the county added 11 new COVID-19 cases.

Cass County added 26 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday. No new deaths were recorded, keeping its death toll at 24.

Berrien County recorded 40 new COVID-19 cases and 40 new recoveries Tuesday.

No new deaths were recorded, keeping the county at about 369 active cases. That's up from 259 last Tuesday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland had 34 COVID-19 positive patients admitted Tuesday morning, the same as on Monday, but up from 18 last Tuesday.

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Actions speak louder than words

Billy Long
Opinion Maker

What is the worst thing that could happen in the November election? It is not that a Republican or a Democrat would be elected. It does not matter which party is in power. What matters is what the individuals who are elected believe. Not what slogans they use for campaigning. What is their vision for America, its citizens and what are their actions toward achieving that vision?

Words should hold meaning, but the old adage of actions speaking louder than words still hold true.

Actions will reveal how a person defines the words they are using. We can use the same words, but have totally different meanings. Some touted their love for America and then boldly declared that they intended to fundamentally change America. Most people took that to mean he was going to make it better, but his actions belied his words. Now we have candidates saying we are going to put America first. Others say that as a government policy they are going to buy American products and spend on American infrastructure. Sounds like all want America to be great. But do their words have the same meaning? The only way to truly tell is by their actions.

Some have tried to help all citizens by lowering what the government takes from them. Others say they want to help but have consistently acted in a way to confiscate wealth, freedom and yes constitutional rights. Some have actually created jobs. Others say they will, but their actions have never lived up to their rhetoric. Some say they will follow the Constitution and do their best to ensure the freedoms guaranteed by it. Others use the same words, but their actions deprive some of the pursuit of life. Their actions would deny the freedom to keep and bear arms. Their actions deny freedom of the press by censoring opposing views.

Some say that it is a right for free education for all. Others say that education should be offered to all, but someone has to pay for it. Those who advocate for free education have a different meaning of the word education. To some education means that students are taught how to be responsible citizens. Students should be taught thankfulness for those who passed this great nation to them by means of great sacrifice. Students should be taught that America with all of its faults has done more for freedom and better standards of living than any other country in the history of the world. Students should be taught that America has done and is doing more to protect the environment than any other industrialized nation in the world. Accords mean nothing if the actions punish those who try the most.

Some candidates use words like build back better, and that sounds great, but their actions are what tore down things in the first place. Some candidates use words like we are not going to raise your taxes. That sounds wonderful. People hear that and think that means they are going to have more money for themselves. But actions have proven otherwise. Taxes are not the only way they can take your money. They do it through a penalty for not having approved insurance. They do it through increasing the fees for mandated licensing. They like to say they haven't raised taxes in years. Yet somehow they confiscate more money every year.

When you vote, don't go by the campaign slogans. Go by their actions. Who will better follow the Constitution? Who will better honor the pursuit of life for all? Who has a record of doing their best to do what they promise and who has a record of saying and doing whatever it takes to keep themselves or their party in power? Put people in office who honor America more than their own gain and our country will not only build back better, but will remain great.

Billy P. Long of Benton Harbor has resided in the area since 1972. He is pastor of the Apostolic Tabernacle in Benton Township.

LETTERS

Election letters

The deadline for letters regarding the Nov. 3 election has passed. Letters received after Oct. 26 will not be published.

Heritage Center needs staff to preserve archives

Editor,

I was shocked and saddened to learn that the Heritage Museum & Cultural Center has closed its doors for the foreseeable future and furloughed all of its staff. Perhaps I should not be shocked, because during my 12-year tenure on the board of directors, financing the institution was always our most pressing challenge. We relied on rental income from weddings and meetings to make up at least half of our yearly budget, and the pandemic has deprived the current board of that essential revenue.

Nevertheless, I am deeply concerned that the abrupt termination of all the professional museum staff may lead to irreparable harm to an irreplaceable collection of artifacts, films, photographs and documents that tell the history of the Twin Cities and surrounding communities. Having done research in archives in France and volunteered with archiving materials at the Heritage, I am conscious of how delicate many of these materials are, and the need for constant vigilance to preserve them for posterity.

Who is going to do the constant temperature and humidity checks in the exhibit areas and archival storage areas that were part of the regular job of the museum specialist/archivist? There are very strict standards that must be met to prevent deterioration. There is a large collection of nitrate films, and if humidity levels drop, they represent a ticking time bomb. In addition, the museum has experienced two serious incidents of flooding in the last few years caused by plumbing failures in our older building. If no staff had come in during regular work hours to catch this happening, it would have resulted in a total catastrophe. As it was, many hours had to be devoted to salvaging and drying out archival materials, as well as restoring flooring, walls, and office furniture.

The current board of directors is in a very hard place, and they may believe they have no other options. I would suggest that if the communities served by the Heritage have any interest in preserving their history, they need to consider implementing a millage to sustain the organization, as the folks in North Berrien County have done with their museum. At the very least, an emergency grant for the period of the pandemic to allow a part-time professional to monitor the collections would be in order. Once we have lost priceless historical records, there is no going back.

Lynne Bruehlman
St. Joseph
Emeritus Director
The Heritage Museum & Cultural Center

Trump library won't be conventional

Editor,

This may be an appropriate time to consider what the Trump Presidential Library will look like. Considering Trump's lack of interest in reading, one of my first thoughts was one of those little free libraries you often see in front yards and various other neighborhood locations. But, considering the degree of literacy among his most ardent followers, it would probably be a fizzle. On the other hand, the dozens if not hundreds of tell-all books that have been and are being written by former Trump associates and fellow mobsters, many of whom are now either in prison or on their way, might fill quite a few library shelves.

As far as records and other documents that normally make up the holdings of such institutions are concerned, apparently few are kept by the Trump Administration, and most of them will undoubtedly be shredded or burned before January 20, 2021. Still, it might be worthwhile to imagine the possibilities. Maybe Mar-a-Lago or one of his soon to be bankrupt golf courses could provide a suitable site. And, to economize, there are likely to be quite a few of those enormous gold TRUMP signs that are now being removed from his soon to be defunct hotels, that can be recycled for the library entrance.

A Trump library would, of course, have to have a gift shop pushing such items as leftover MAGA hats, small size gloves and extra long red neckties, a cafeteria or restaurant featuring fake Big Macs, Trump steaks and other Trump junk food items, and maybe some special attractions like an orange tanning and hair salon and even a peep show a la Stormy Daniels.

Naturally, as befitting any Trump related enterprise, there would be a substantial entrance charge. Ivanka, Don Jr., Eric and Jared could take the cash at the entrance; that is, if it didn't violate the regulations of their prison work-release programs. As for Melania, she will have long since returned with her illegal immigrant parents to Lower Slobbovia, where they came from. And, somehow, Donald himself will find a way to keep his hand in the till and oversee the action; even if it has to be long distance from some hiding place like the Saudi embassy in Moscow. Whoopee!

Scott Elliott
Benton Harbor

Elect leaders, not followers

Editor,

Jon Hoadley for U.S. Congress is a leader. He will lead to make sure every Michigander has access to high quality affordable health care regardless of their personal financial situation. He is a champion of the environment, encouraging renewable energy and campaign finance reform. He is strongly supportive of the police and will push for improving our community. Jon supports banning knee and choke holds. He supports improving police training for de-escalation of difficult situations. He believes that we need to have mental health professionals assist the police. Check out jonhoadley.com for details on all his policies.

Also check out Chokwe Pitchford, who is running for state representative of the 79th District. He is focused to move "Forward and Together." His policies emphasize healthcare, education, jobs and criminal justice reform.

Fred Upton has voted against health care over 60 times and against health care for people with pre-existing conditions over a dozen times. No real accomplishments in 34 years, just a follower who votes as he is told. Two years ago Upton started his mudslinging. Fred is at it again attacking Jon Hoadley with false ugly advertisements.

It is sad that Fred Upton has influenced another follower, Pauline Wendzel. She now has resorted to mudslinging in her advertisements as well. She has no interest in health care. She would rather bring a lawsuit against a governor who is working hard to deal with COVID.

For real leadership and improvement to our overall quality of life we need to support all the Democrats locally and nationally.

John VonderHaar
St. Joseph

Expungement bills will make a huge difference

Editor,

I would like to take some time to provide our community with some information on why I support Pauline Wendzel's continued representation of our communities.

As a criminal defense attorney, I can tell you firsthand how desperately our state needed to reform our expungement process.

Data from the University of Michigan has shown that of those legally eligible for expungement, just 6.5 percent obtain it within five years of becoming eligible. This is a shockingly low number and shows just how intimidating the process is for those without a legal background. Secondly, those who do obtain expungement have extremely low subsequent crime rates. Individuals who go through the process of obtaining a set-aside, after paying their debt to society, are no more likely to commit a crime than those without a criminal record. Finally, those who obtain an expungement experience a sharp increase in their wage and employment trajectories; on average, within two years, wages go up by 25 percent versus the pre-expungement trajectory.

One of the most influential pieces of legislation passed in the last decade has been Rep. Pauline Wendzel's bipartisan expungement package. Pauline worked with Republicans, Democrats and more than 50 different stakeholders to craft legislation that would reform Michigan's broken criminal justice system and make it fairer and more equitable for everyone. Thanks to Pauline Wendzel's bipartisan package, hundreds of thousands of our fellow Michigan residents will be given the opportunity to have low-level offenses removed from their records. Pauling Wendzel's legislation will give these hard-working people who have already paid their debt to society access to new and better career, housing and educational opportunities.

Our state and community deserve a second term of Pauline Wendzel's service and focus on criminal justice reform, which is why I'm voting for her on Nov. 3. I encourage all of you to do the same.

Jessica E. LaFond
St. Joseph

Balkin will be a community servant

Editor,

Over 20 years ago I had the opportunity to meet and then work with Jamie Balkin. Jamie is someone who always got the job done and did it in a way that involved others and brought the team together. That's a rare skill, and one that she will bring to the table to serve her community as a member of the Coloma City Commission.

As a former state representative and state budget director, I have worked with many people over the years on a whole host of issues. I had the opportunity to recruit candidates for office, and I was thrilled when I saw that Jamie was interested in serving her hometown. As a professional at Wightman and Associates and at Cornerstone Alliance, Jamie has a reputation as an excellent communicator, problem solver, and she has a servant's heart. These are all traits that will serve her well as a city commissioner.

A number of years ago I was recruiting people to be mentors in the Benton Harbor Area Schools in the HOSTS program, and Jamie was the first volunteer. We mentored for 13 years, helping dozens of young people with reading, writing and making connections to professionals in the community. No matter how busy she was, how many projects were piling up, Jamie always made time and wanted to serve. We used to say that other than time with our own families, the time with HOSTS mentoring was the best hour of the week. It mattered, and it made a difference.

Jamie Balkin will bring that same dedication to the Coloma City Commission. I really wish I could vote for her, but I urge all of my friends in Coloma to support Jamie Balkin. Vote Jamie Balkin for Coloma City Commission with your absentee ballot or at the polls on Nov. 3.

Al Pscholka
Former 79th District state representative
Stevensville

Racial bias projected through abortion

Editor,

As I prepare to vote, my thoughts turn to the many Americans who will never share this privilege because they were denied the most fundamental human right: the right to life. Since 1973, more than 60 million Americans have been denied the right to vote because of abortion. Despite its magnitude, this silent holocaust rarely captures the public eye like the vivid imagery of other murders like the killing of George Floyd.

What is even more peculiar is that the cries of systemic racism are so seldom applied to the context of abortion. Critics of abortion have long accused one of the nation's largest abortion providers of marketing its services with a racial bias. Ironically, Planned Parenthood recently acknowledged that its founder's "racist legacy" had been clearly documented. In a press release dated July 21, 2020, the organization acknowledged its "contributions to historical reproductive harm within communities of color."

While this acknowledgement of systemic racism by the abortion giant is remarkable, its supporters in the Democratic Party may not be so progressive. In expressing support for Planned Parenthood, the 2020 Democratic Platform specifically highlights "people of color" as a demographic to which the organization's services are provided. It is ironic and tragic that those who so loudly condemn systemic racism are among the foremost supporters of the political and social institutions by which it is implemented.

Every life has equal intrinsic value regardless of age or ethnicity because every human is created by God, in the image of God. The value we place on life today will define the future for our children and grandchildren for generations to come. As your fellow American, I plead with you, stand for life of every age and ethnicity, and as you vote, be a voice for those who never had the choice.

Christopher Fleming
South Haven

Medicare finalizing coverage policy for coronavirus vaccine

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Medicare will cover the yet-to-be approved coronavirus vaccine free for older people under a policy change expected to be announced shortly, a senior Trump administration official said Tuesday.

The coming announcement from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services aims to align the time-consuming process for securing Medicare coverage of a new vaccine, drug or treatment with the rapid campaign to have a coronavirus vaccine ready for initial distribution once it is ready, possibly as early as the end of the year.

It's questionable under normal circumstances if Medicare can pay for a drug that receives emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration, as expected for the eventual coronavirus vaccine. Emergency use designation is a step short of full approval.

The administration official said Medicare's announcement will try to resolve several legal technicalities that could conceivably get in the way of delivering free vaccines to millions of seniors, a high-risk group for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. The official spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity to discuss a pending regulation.

President Donald Trump and lawmakers of both parties in Congress have spelled out their intention that all Americans will be able to get the vaccine for free. But the official said a series of potential legal obstacles that could get in the way of Medicare payment never got unscrambled.

Earlier this month, Medicare administrator Seema Verma said her agency was close to resolving the issue.

"I think we've figured out a path forward," Verma said at the HLTH conference, a forum for innovators. "It was very clear that Congress wants to make sure that Medicare beneficiaries have this vaccine and that there isn't any cost-sharing."

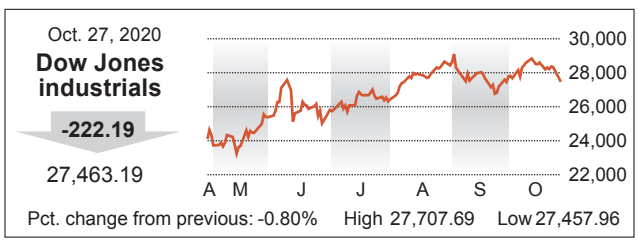
"Stay tuned," she added.

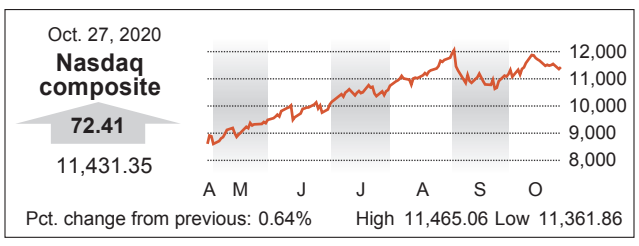
The $1.8 trillion CARES Act passed by Congress in March called for free vaccination for all Americans, from seniors covered by Medicare to families with employer-sponsored health insurance.

A White House-backed initiative called "Operation Warp Speed" is pushing to have a vaccine ready for distribution in the coming months. The government is spending billions of dollars to manufacture vaccines even before they receive FDA approval, thereby cutting the timeline for delivery. Officials at the FDA have committed that the program will not interfere with their own science-based decisions. Vaccines that don't meet the test for approval would be discarded.

States have already begun submitting their plans for vaccine distribution to the federal government.

MARKETS





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▲ **4-wk.** +8.3% ▲ **YTD** +32.7%

LocalStocks

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AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	92.53	-1.06	-1.1	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	116.60	+1.55	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1133.59	-18.41	-1.6	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	15.51	40.08	15.38	-.42	-2.7	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	65.68	-.47	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	49.90	+.10	+0.2	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	43.44	-.33	-0.8	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	106.14	243.40	228.51	-5.74	-2.5	▼	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	123.31	-.75	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
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UPS B	UPS	82.00	178.01	170.84	+2.84	+1.7	▼	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	57.38	-.43	-0.7	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	102.47	+.26	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	151.33	142.87	+.71	+0.5	▼	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.88	64.50	36.00	-1.21	-3.3	▼	▲	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.91	23.53	+.23	+1.0	▼	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	207.30	195.82	+1.76	+0.9	▼	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	51.70	49.20	+.14	+0.3	▼	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	101.85	93.98	-.27	-0.3	▼	▲	▲

OBITUARIES

Joseph G. Edmunds

June 1, 1927 – Oct. 16, 2020

Joseph G. Edmunds, 93, of Bridgman passed away Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, with his family by his side.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road., St. Joseph. Out of respect to the family and the community, masks will be required. Inurnment will follow in Riverview Cemetery with military honors rendered by North Berrien Military Rights Team. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service, from 10-11 a.m. also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in Joe's memory may be made to LOGAN Center of Southwest Michigan, 1651 Nickerson Ave., Benton Harbor or Readiness Center, 347 Catalpa Ave., Benton Harbor. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Joe was born on June 1, 1927, in Jermyn, Pa., to Emmett and Grace (Cannon) Edmunds. He graduated from Jermyn High School.

Joe then entered the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

On Nov. 22, 1951, he married the former Eleanor (Creo) of Carbondale, Pa. They enjoyed 61 years of marriage prior to Ellie's passing on Nov. 30, 2012.

Joe and Ellie moved to Syracuse, N.Y., where they began married life. For many years, Joe worked at Lipe Rollway as a draftsman. Never having had the prior chance to attend college, Joe entered LeMoyne College in Syracuse. He graduated in 1970, with a Bachelor's in business.

He worked as a personnel director at LeMoyne for several years. He then took a position at Columbian Mutual Life Insurance in Vestal, N.Y., from which he eventually retired.

Joe acquired his private pilot's license as a young adult. He enjoyed taking family and friends for rides, and flew up until he was 80 years old. Joe was also an avid downhill skier. For many years in the 1960's and 70's, he helped run the ski shop at Toggenburg Mountain in Fabius, N.Y. Winter weekends were always spent with family and friends at Toggenburg.

In 1998, he and Ellie moved to Michigan to be near their only child, Mary, and their beloved grandchildren: Aimee and Grant. In 2017, Mary, Aimee and Grant moved in with their beloved grandpa Joe, to watch over him. What brought Joe the most joy were his grandchildren. During his last several years, he enjoyed the company of his daughter and grandchildren, and they feel blessed to have had these years at home with him. "We love you Joe-Joe".

Joe is survived by his daughter, Mary DeFrancesco; her children: Aimee and Grant DeFrancesco; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor; parents; Emmett and Grace Edmunds; brother, Robert Edmunds, and infant brother, Emmett Edmunds.

Death notices

Linda Carango, 58, of Lawton died Oct. 6, 2020, in Lawton. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Joseph G. Edmunds, 93, of Bridgman died Oct. 16, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ronald Walter Kruger Sr., passed away on Oct. 20, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Elizabeth Anne (McGulpin) Mainwaring, 87, died Oct. 24, 2020. Pederson Funeral Home – Rockford, Mich., 616-218-2185.

John Michael York, 77, of New Buffalo died Oct. 26, 2020 at Franciscan Hospital in Michigan City, Ind. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Marie Zelvis, 91, of St. Joseph died Oct. 26, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Marie Zelvis

June 12, 1929 – Oct. 26, 2020

Marie Zelvis, 91, of St. Joseph passed away Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, at the West Woods of Bridgman.

A Mass of Christin Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 220 Church St., St. Joseph, with Fr. Arul Lazar officiating. Burial will follow at Lincoln Township Cemetery in Stevensville.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Those wishing to share a memory of Marie online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Marie was born June 12, 1929, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Noah and Nelda (Tremblay) Vachon.

She graduated from St. John's Catholic High School in Benton Harbor.

On Oct. 18, 1952, she married Algerd Zelvis in Benton Harbor.

Marie worked as a sales clerk for Sears for 28 Years. She was a volunteer for the Catholic church and was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts. In her spare time, she enjoyed camping with her family and was an avid Detroit Tigers Fan.

Marie is survived by her sons: Ron Zelvis, and Jim Zelvis; daughter-in-law, Michele Zelvis; grandchildren: Noah (Cathy) Zelvis, Ashley Zelvis, Jarrod (Angie) Zelvis, John Zelvis, Kevin (Aggie) Zelvis, Dr. Jennifer (Brian) Wilson and Michael (Sheyla) Keith; two great-grandchildren: Ethan and Mia; and many nieces and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother; sister; and son, Richard Zelvis.

Ron Kruger Sr.

March 21, 1950 – Oct. 20, 2020

Ronald Walter Kruger Sr., passed away on Oct. 20, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A service celebrating his life will be from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at the American Legion Post 105, in Benton Harbor.

Ron was born on March 21, 1950, in St. Joseph, to Norma Jean and Paul (Lausch) Kruger.

Ron spent his free time as a coach for the North Lincoln Baseball Team and was an active member of the American Legion post 568. He also loved to spend free time fishing with his granddaughters.

Ron was kind hearted and caring, and brought laughter and joy to every person in his life. He enjoyed fishing, dancing and watching sports; he was a huge Tigers fan.

Ron is survived by his son, Ronald Kruger Jr., of St. Joseph, and daughter, Melanie (Don) Bush of Stevensville; his granddaughters: Courtney and Ellery Kruger; his parents: Paul and Norma Kruger; his brother, Eric (Ann) Kruger; sisters: Gloria (Dave) Thomas, and Christine (Mike) Glass; and many nieces and nephews that he deeply loved. Any monetary donations can be made to his granddaughters: Courtney and Ellery Kruger.

Ron is proceeded in death by his brother, Paul Allen Kruger Jr. (1984).

Ron will be deeply missed by his many friends and family members.

James Williams

Aug. 17, 1944 – Oct. 23, 2020

James Charles Williams, 76, of Benton Harbor passed away Oct. 23, 2020. A service celebrating his life will be Nov. 2, at the Ebenezer M.B.C., Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m.

Masks and social distancing are mandatory. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

James was born Aug. 17, 1944, in Hughes, Ark., to Triller Robinson.

He gave his life to the Lord many years ago and became a faithful member of Ebenezer M.B. Church located in Benton Harbor. He was a caring father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who loved God and his family dearly.

James will be lovingly remembered by his daughters: Carolyn (Timothy) Woods and Donna Williams both of Grand Rapids, Phyllis (Tyrone Davis) Henry of Benton Harbor, and Sandra Oliver of Kansas City, Kan.; sons: James Charles (Kassandra Bell) Williams Jr., of Grand Rapids and James (Jami) Campbell of McAlester, Okl.; sixteen grandchildren; thirty-four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces; nephews; cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Autis Mae Williams; two sons: James Charles Williams and Phillip Henry; two brothers: Elton and Willie Lee Robinson; four sisters: Lillie Mae Richardson, Elnora Robinson, Estella Robinson, and Margaree Gordon; and grandmother, Polly Williams.

Social media CEOs to face grilling from Rep. senators

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Less than a week before Election Day, the CEOs of Twitter, Facebook and Google are set to be grilled by Republican senators making unfounded allegations that the tech giants show anti-conservative bias. Democrats want to expand the discussion to include issues such as the companies' impact on local news.

The Senate Commerce Committee has summoned Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and Google's Sundar Pichai to testify for a hearing Wednesday. The executives have agreed to appear remotely after being threatened with subpoenas.

With the election looming, Republicans led by President Donald Trump have thrown a barrage of grievances at Big Tech's social media platforms, which they accuse without evidence of deliberately suppressing conservative, religious and anti-abortion views.

The chorus of protest rose this month after Facebook and Twitter acted to limit dissemination of an unverified political story from the conservative-leaning New York Post about Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, an unprecedented action against a major media outlet. The story, which was not confirmed by other publications, cited unverified emails from Biden's son Hunter that were reportedly disclosed by Trump allies.

Trump, asked by reporters about the companies Tuesday as he left Washington for the campaign trail, said they are trying to suppress revelations of Joe Biden's "corruption."

"They don't want to show corruption, like you have with Biden. That's totally corruption, and everybody knows it," Trump said. "It's very unfair. Nobody has ever seen anything like this. It's not freedom of the press, it's the opposite."

Social media giants are also under heavy scrutiny for their efforts to police misinformation about the election. Twitter and Facebook have slapped a misinformation label on content from the president, who has around 80 million followers. Trump has raised the baseless prospect of mass fraud in the vote-by-mail process.

Starting Tuesday, Facebook is not accepting any new political advertising. Previously booked political ads will be able to run until the polls close next Tuesday, when all political advertising will temporarily be banned. Google, which owns YouTube, also is halting political ads after the polls close. Twitter banned all political ads last year.

Beyond questioning the CEOs, senators will examine proposals to revise long-held legal protections for online speech, an immunity that critics in both parties say enables the companies to abdicate their responsibility to impartially moderate content.

The tech platforms are gateways to news online. Critics say their dominant position in the advertising market has crushed the struggling U.S. news industry, especially local news publishers.

A report issued Tuesday by the committee's Democratic staff cited the additional devastating impact of the recession triggered by the coronavirus pandemic. About 7,000 newspaper employees are expected to be laid off this year, and newspaper revenues will be down 70 percent from two decades ago, according to the report.

"Local news is an incredible engine for the creation of accurate information. We don't want to lose that infrastructure," Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington state, the panel's top Democrat, said in an interview.

The Democrats' report accuses the big platforms of unfairly using news content, taking news consumers' data and diverting customers from local news websites, with little compensation. It proposes that Congress enact rules preventing tech platforms from taking local news content without fair payment.

"These unfair and abusive practices should be called out," Cantwell said.

Democrats have focused their criticism of social media mainly on hate speech, misinformation and other content that can incite violence or keep people from voting. They have criticized Big Tech CEOs for failing to police content, homing in on the platforms' role in hate crimes and the rise of white nationalism in the U.S.

Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have scrambled to stem the tide of material that incites violence and spreads lies and baseless conspiracy theories.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The track twists and turns, and has subtle dips and rises. The tiny power-packed cars sometimes sport equally tiny drivers, and some of the karts are capable of exceeding 60 mph. Race days are frequent during the summer and fall at Buchanan's Michiana Raceway Park. But it's only once a year that a special event at the track aims to do battle with drugs. On Oct. 14, all the proceeds from races were donated to fund the Berrien County Reaction car vehicle fund. The vehicle is used to educate people about the perils of drunken driving. In addition to the regular competitors there was a special class of "Corporate Challengers" taking part, consisting of 33 area companies. More then $10,000 was raised.

1985 – 35 years ago

Some people think blacksmithing is a dying art, R. Joseph Miller said. But the Hartford man who claims to be one of only 300 full-time blacksmiths in the country says the skill is "enjoying a rebirth." Miller said there are more then 5,000 blacksmiths in the U.S., but only 300 working full time. Miller joined the latter group at the beginning of this year after spending "a long time finding what I wanted to do." Miller will demonstrate his art at the HollyMarket at the Krasl Art Center.

1970 – 50 years ago

Robert Royce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Royce of New Buffalo, has received a letter of commendation for his high performance in the 1970 National Merit Scholar Qualifying test. Robert is among 25,000 students nationwide who scored in the upper 2 percent of those who are expected to graduate from high school in 1971.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 28, the 302nd day of 2020. There are 64 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 28, 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba; in return, the U.S. secretly agreed to remove nuclear missiles from U.S. installations in Turkey.

On this date:

In 1858, Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.

In 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

In 1922, fascism came to Italy as Benito Mussolini took control of the government.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

In 1976, former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman entered a federal prison camp in Safford, Arizona, to begin serving his sentence for Watergate-related convictions (he was released in April 1978).

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

In 2001, the families of people killed in the September 11 terrorist attack gathered in New York for a memorial service filled with prayer and song.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
52°	41°	51° / 35°	46° / 33°	53° / 40°	51° / 36°

Local Outlook

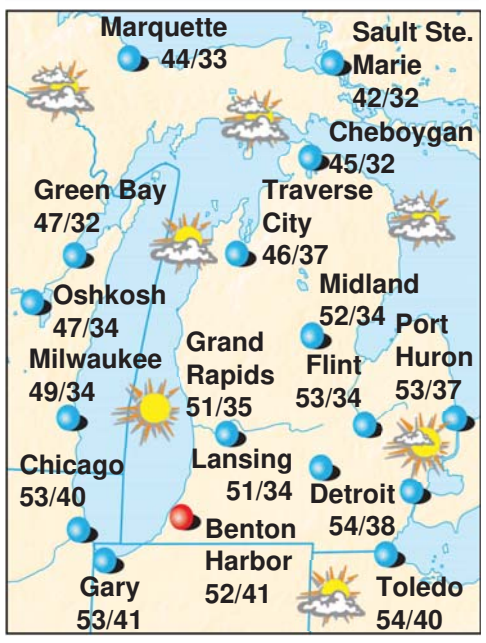
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 52°, humidity of 56%. Southwest wind 11 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 41°. Southwest wind 2 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 40°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:14 a.m.
Sunset	6:43 p.m.
Moonrise	5:54 p.m.
Moonset	5:08 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
10/31	11/8	11/15	11/22

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	40°
Low	34°
Normal High	59°
Normal Low	40°
Record High	76° in 2014
Record Low	28° in 2013

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.10"
Month to date	2.00"
Normal for month	2.89"
Year to date	30.19"
Normal Year to date	31.64"

Air Quality

Yesterday	25
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is dew point?

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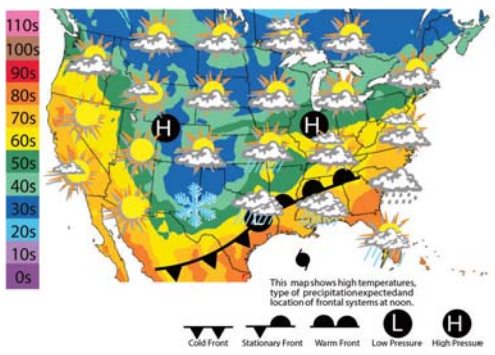
Answer: A measure of atmospheric moisture.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 28, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SW wind 14 to 16 kt. Sunny. Waves around 3 ft. Water temperature 44 degrees. Tonight, SW wind 6 to 10 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s. West southwest wind 9 to 19 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 30s and 40s. North northeast wind 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 50s. Southwest wind 11 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies Thursday with scattered rain, highs in the 40s and 50s. North northeast wind 5 to 14 mph.

Voters in some states unable to cast early ballots in person

By SUMMER BALLENTINE
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — With coronavirus cases spreading rapidly across her state, Samantha Allen laments that Missouri does not allow voters to cast their ballots in person before Election Day.

More than 21 million voters across the U.S. have taken advantage of early in-person voting amid record-breaking early turnout, according to Associated Press elections research. But that option isn't available in Connecticut, Mississippi, Missouri or New Hampshire, which has stirred worries about long lines and big crowds on Election Day with the threat of COVID-19 looming large, particularly in Missouri.

Allen, a 55-year-old Republican, said spreading out voting over a long period would keep the lines shorter, which she said is especially important during the pandemic.

"A lot of people could do it easier," she said. "It would thin out the lines (and) keep the spread of the COVID down."

Connecticut this year gave every voter the option to cast an absentee ballot by mail or drop it off before Election Day. Interest has been so great that it has overwhelmed municipal clerks, who had processed about 674,000 absentee ballot requests by mid-October, compared to fewer than 130,000 that were cast in Connecticut during the entire 2016 presidential race. Most say they have been able to keep up because they hired more staff.

Carol Rizzolo, an independent 64-year-old Connecticut voter and co-founder of an initiative called SafeVoteCT, said local elections officials are struggling to retrofit the state's absentee ballot system, which wasn't designed for such a deluge of requests. She said the state should have given voters the chance to cast a ballot early in person.

"There's no question, if we had early voting, if we could have started the damn process two weeks ago, then we wouldn't have swamped people. It wouldn't even be a question," she said. "It doesn't need to be pandemic-related. It's just the right thing to do."

Adopting early in-person voting permanently in Connecticut would require a change to the state constitution. But states can also take temporary actions during emergencies.

Worst place, worst time: Trump faces virus spike in Midwest

By THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

OSHKOSH, Wis. — Gabe Loiacono is the kind of voter President Donald Trump can ill afford to lose. He lives in a pivotal county of a swing state that is among a handful that will decide the presidency.

A college history professor who last cast a ballot for a Democrat more than 20 years ago, Loiacono is voting for Democrat Joe Biden because he thinks Trump has utterly failed in his handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

"President Trump still does not seem to be taking the pandemic seriously enough. I wish he would," said Loiacono. He said he never thought of Trump as "all bad" but added, "There is still too much wishful thinking and not enough clear guidance."

And now the virus is getting worse in states that the Republican president needs the most, at the least opportune time. New infections are raging in Wisconsin and elsewhere in the upper Midwest. In Iowa, polls suggest Trump is in a toss-up race with Biden after carrying the state by 9.4 percentage points four years ago.

Trump's pandemic response threatens his hold on Wisconsin, where he won by fewer than 23,000 votes in 2016, said Marquette University Law School poll director Charles Franklin.

"Approval of his handling of COVID is the next-strongest predictor of vote choice," behind voters' party affiliation and their overall approval of Trump's performance as president, Franklin said. "And it's not just a fluke of a single survey."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Sunday that among U.S. states, Wisconsin had the third highest rate of new cases for the previous seven days. Iowa was 10th.

Trump won Wisconsin's heavily blue-collar Winnebago County, which includes Oshkosh, in 2016, after Democratic nominee Barack Obama had carried it in 2012. Today, Winnebago is among the top 10 counties where new Wisconsin COVID cases are being reported, according to data collected by Johns Hopkins University and compiled by The Associated Press.

The trend is similar in Iowa. Blue-collar Dubuque County was among the state's 10 counties with the fastest-growing number of cases per capita over the past two weeks. Trump won the county narrowly after Democrats had carried it since the 1950s.

In Wisconsin, where polling has shown Biden with a slight but consistent advantage, approval of Trump's handling the pandemic dropped from 51 percent in March to 41 percent in October, according to a Marquette University Law School poll. That's a noteworthy decline considering Trump's overall approval has fluctuated little and remained in the mid-40s.

Iowans' view of Trump's handling of the pandemic is also more negative than positive, according to The Des Moines Register's Iowa Poll and Monmouth University polls.

FINANCE

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David Hill III (President of Superior Ambulance Service).

So far this campaign cycle, he's raised $18,274.

During the reporting period he spent $11,528. His biggest expenditures were donations to the House Republican Campaign Committee and for yard signs.

Paquette had $6,746 on hand at the end of the reporting period.

66th state House

Republican State Rep. Beth Griffin outraised her democratic opponent Abigail Wheeler during this period.

Griffin raised $87,300, while Wheeler raised $39,601.

Griffin's biggest contributions were $10,500 from the Michigan Strategic Leadership Fund, $10,500 from the Wentworth Majority Fund and $10,500 from the Wentworth Majority Fund 2.

So far this campaign cycle, she's raised $154,313.

During this period, she spent $121,397. Her biggest expenditures were for advertising, a radio ad buy and donations to the House Republican Campaign Committee.

Griffin had $32,916 on hand at the end of the reporting period.

Wheeler's biggest contributions were $5,000 from the United Auto Workers PAC, $2,500 from Lasinki For Michigan PAC and $2,000 from the Michigan Education Association PAC.

So far this campaign cycle, she's raised $75,602.

During this period, she spent $36,564. Her biggest expenditures were for TV commercial ad placement, postage and video production.

On hand at the end of the reporting period, Wheeler had $39,037.

59th state House

Republican Steve Carra outraised Democrat Amy East during this reporting period.

Carra raised $14,853, while East raised $4,412.

Carra's biggest contributions were $5,000 from the Wentworth Majority Fund 2, $1,500 from the Realtors PAC of Michigan and $1,050 from Jacqueline Meyer (retired).

So far this campaign cycle, he's raised $19,902.

During this period, he spent $1,352. His biggest expenditures were for yard signs, his treasurer and digital ads.

On hand at the end of the reporting period, he had $18,550.

East's biggest contributions were $500 from the St. Joseph County Democratic Party, $250 from Dennis Smith (a preacher), and $250 from Rob Vander Giessen-Reitsma (a community developer).

So far this campaign cycle, she's raised $9,029.

During this period, she spent $6,354. Her biggest expenditures were for postage, printing of mailers and campaign management.

East had $2,675 on hand at the end of the reporting period.

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RELOCATE

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Today, we are putting our money where our mouth is to encourage people to relocate to this beautiful area."

In the 24 hours since the program was activated, Cornerstone Alliance has received 66 applications spanning 10 states. The majority of the applications came from Illinois.

Others included California, New York, Florida, Wisconsin and Indiana.

All that is required to apply for funding is that applicants need to be a remote worker from out of state and they must list their new Southwest Michigan residence as their primary home.

"They can't be employed in Berrien County or in Michigan," Cleveland said. "Those people are the ones who benefit our economy. They're the ones eating at The Buck on Tuesday nights or going to North Pier (Brewing Co.) on the weekends."

According to a study by The Harris Poll, more than 40 percent of adults living in urban areas since the beginning of the pandemic have indicated they would consider moving to a more rural area.

Cornerstone's campaign comes on the heels of what local realtors have referred to as a mass exodus from nearby Chicago. As a result, the Southwest Michigan housing market has seen the number of housing sales and prices skyrocket this summer and fall.

In addition to offering up to $15,000 toward a new home, Cleveland said the campaign includes a choice of more than $5,000 in additional perks.

Some of the perks being offered include memberships to local co-working spaces, the Renaissance Athletic Club, Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan, the Harbor Shores driving range and practice area, car service to regional airports for one year, passes to the South Shore Rail to and from Chicago, an annual pass to Berrien County parks and Twin City beaches, access to Whirlpool Corp.'s Inside Pass buying program and VIP passes to the 2022 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

The perks were chosen based on what applicants might need if they were to work remotely in Southwest Michigan.

Cleveland said this is a pilot program and they only plan on granting funding to 20-30 people.

The funds were allocated by the Cornerstone Alliance Board of Directors, which came from past sales in real estate sold by the organization.

Cleveland said money for the program will not come from investor or foundation funds.

"We were expecting this to be very successful. We're hoping to recruit additional funding to show people the importance (of the program)," Cleveland said. "We have to grow our population. We might be able to secure a second round of funding if this proves successful."

Remote workers interested in participating in the Move to Michigan program can learn more and apply by visiting www.movetomichigan.org.

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RINK

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Health Department, will implement the following changes for the 2020-2021 season:

- The capacity will be at 25 percent, or 75 guests, including spectators.
- Face masks will be required.
- The locker rooms will not be available for hockey.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every two hours.
- Skaters will change into skates on the benches spread around the arena and not in the warming hut.
- There will be no fires in the fireplace this winter to limit gathering in the warming hut to 20 people, including staff.
- Concessions will remain closed.
- Bleachers have been removed to allow for additional space to physically distance during the cleaning of the ice and hockey games.
- Skaters and guests will enter through the warming hut but leave through the north door near the locker rooms.

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hp SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Titans fall in regional soccer semi

Michigan Lutheran can't contain unbeaten Grandville Calvin Christian

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Calvin Christian 6, Lutheran 0

PORTAGE — Michigan Lutheran couldn't keep Grandville Calvin Christian from dominating possession in Tuesday's Division 4 boys soccer regional semifinal at Portage Central.

The Titans did manage to hold the Squires scoreless for a long spell in the middle of the game, but early and late scoring flurries led to a 6-0 Calvin Christian win.

"We had a really good stretch, stretching across both halves, where we kept them off the scoreboard," Titans coach Paul Jackemeyer said. "We did a lot better defensively, limiting their shots, limiting their crosses. But they're a pretty relentless team, so they eventually broke through again."

Calvin Christian (17-0-2) scored first in the sixth minute, when Jack Hollebeek headed in a goal off a corner kick. He finished with two goals, as did Nolan Karel, who connected on two long shots midway through the first half.

After Karel's second goal, Lutheran (6-6-1) then held the Squires scoreless for nearly 50 minutes. Goalkeeper Adam Rosenbaum made 14 saves.

Calvin Christian finally broke through again on a goal by Jack DeYoung with 10:22 to play. Hollebeek scored his second shortly after, and Matt Kunst completed the scoring with a penalty kick after a handball in the box.

The Squires held a 20-0 advantage in shots on goal. The Titans could only manage a few long shots that missed the target as they struggled to create opportunities for forwards Christian Kisukulu and Alex Ritter.

"They possessed for the majority of the game, so it was hard for us to get anything going offensively," Jackemeyer said. "We

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bears, Lancers on collision course

St. Joseph, Lakeshore favored to meet for district football title

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

St. Joseph and Lakeshore are in opposite brackets of their Division 3 football district and are expected to eventually meet again for the title.

Coach Andrew Pratley's Bears are 5-1 and seeded No. 1 in the district, edging out coach Denny Dock's Lancers (4-2) by the narrowest (1.33 points) of margins.

Both will host opening round games Friday night at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph meets Gull Lake (0-6) a team it thumped during the regular season, while Lakeshore hosts struggling Niles (1-5).

"We're not looking by anybody," stated the Lancers' Dock. "We certainly have all the respect in the world for Niles, and remember all the tough league games we had in the past."

"Even though we beat Gull Lake handily a few weeks ago, football games are played on the field, not on paper," noted Pratley.

In other district openers, No. 4 seed Harper Creek (4-2) hosts No. 5 seed Jackson Parma Western (4-2) in St. Joseph's bracket, and No. 3 seed Coldwater (4-2) hosts No. 6 seed Sturgis (3-3) in Lakeshore's bracket.

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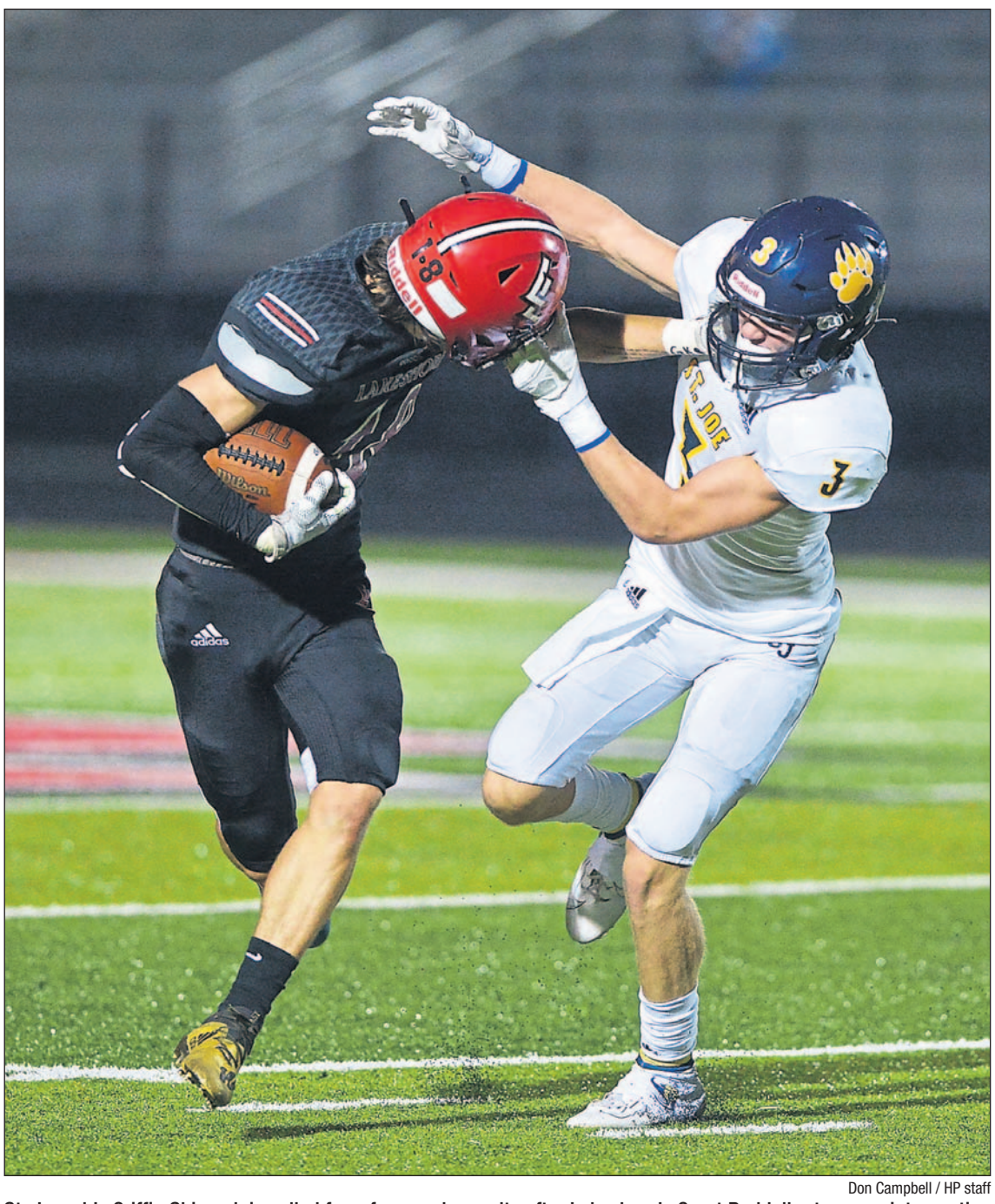

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St. Joseph's Griffin Shinrock is called for a facemask penalty after Lakeshore's Grant Ruddell returns an interception during the first half of their Oct. 9 game at Lakeshore High School.

Bridgman set for unusual eight-man playoff

Bees open against Concord in four-team football tournament

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Bridgman's eight-man football team will get a chance for an encore after the biggest comeback in Michigan high school football history.

The Bees are competing in a four-team tournament of schools with too large of an enrollment to be eligible for the eight-man football playoffs.

Bridgman (5-1) will host Concord at 7 p.m. Friday. In the other semifinal of the tournament, Vandercook Lake (4-1) will take on Maple Valley (3-3). The Bees are the top seed, and would be at home for the final if they win.

"It should be a pretty good playoff here," Bridgman coach Aaron Locke said. "It would mean a lot for our kids to win this."

Bridgman is coming off a 54-53 overtime victory over Wyoming Tri-unity Christian, in which they erased a 47-0 first-half deficit.

"That was the most excitement I've had in a long time, I can tell you that," Locke said. "We definitely have to correct a lot of things that got us in that situation. It's a good example of why we work so hard in practice."

Reid Haskins, Nate Necas and Jayce Warren have put up big numbers for the Bees this season, and did so again Friday. Haskins rushed for 169 yards and threw for 107, Necas had 99 yards receiving and scored touchdowns on punt and fumble returns, and Warren led the defense with 18 tackles.

Concord finished 0-5 in the regular season playing 11-man football. The Yellow Jackets did play eight-man football at the junior varsity level. Locke said he isn't sure what to expect from Concord, as the varsity ran a multiple-receiver spread offense, but the eight-man JV used a single-wing look.

"They throw the ball a lot," he said. "They have a pretty good quarterback and a lot of good receivers."

Vandercook Lake has played a similar schedule to Bridgman. Both teams defeated Marcellus, Michigan Lutheran and New Buffalo. Maple Valley has just one common opponent with the Bees. Martin defeated the Lions 64-18 a week after topping Bridgman 39-12.

Michigan Lutheran and Eau Claire are not participating in the eight-man playoffs. Both teams were 1-4 this season.

Nagy sticks with play-calling duties after loss

Kelvin Kuo / AP

Chicago Bears quarterback Nick Foles (9) throws against the Los Angeles Rams during the first half of Monday's game.

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

Chicago Bears coach Matt Nagy is sticking with quarterback Nick Foles over Mitchell Trubisky and intends to keep calling plays on offense at least for now.

He made that clear Tuesday, a day after an ugly 24-10 loss to the Rams. The Bears' poor performance at Los Angeles added more fuel to the idea that their sparkling record was more of a mirage than a reflection of how good they are.

But if changes are coming, there won't be one behind center.

"We have a lot of confidence and I have a lot of confidence in Nick right now with where he's at," he said. "Again, this is a process for us to work though, and it's not just one person. It's really not."

The Bears (5-2) fell out of the NFC North lead with their first road loss. And their quarterback had a difficult time with the offensive line getting overwhelmed.

Foles completed 28 of 40 passes for 261 yards without a touchdown. He was sacked four times – twice by former Bears linebacker Leonard Floyd – and threw two interceptions.

Too often, Foles was unable to step into his throws with

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Loss to Rutgers shows how far MSU has to go

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

If anyone doubted the challenge facing new Michigan State coach Mel Tucker, it should be obvious now.

The Spartans began the season at home against Rutgers last weekend – perhaps the easiest game on their schedule, in theory – and lost 38-27. It was the first Big Ten win for the Scarlet Knights since 2017 and left Michigan State with basically no silver linings heading into its big rivalry game at Michigan this weekend.

"This is the beginning. It's not the end. So we're looking to make progress every day, and work really hard," said Tucker, who took over in February after Mark Dantonio's retirement. "You usually make quite a bit of improvement from the first game to the second game, and that's something that we're looking to do."

Michigan State's news conferences Tuesday focused largely on the upcoming game against Michigan. In that sense, the Spartans are fortunate to have that matchup on deck – it allows them to move on quickly from the ugly loss. But Michigan State did not look in any way ready to face its biggest rival, and the Wolverines are favored by over three touchdowns.

Tucker seemed uninterested in calling Michigan by its name – instead using "the school down the road" – but if the Spartans are going to be competitive, they have a lot they need to fix.

Michigan State turned the ball over seven times in the opener. Some of those looked like the result of carelessness instead of Rutgers pressure – so the Spartans should be able to clean that up – but Michigan State looked a long way from being able to put together extended stretches of mistake-free football.

"I think there's a little bit of a mental side to it, with the new staff and the new offense, but ultimately, it just comes down to holding onto the ball," quarterback Rocky Lombardi said.

It was hard to evaluate Michigan State's defense at times, since Rutgers started

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Carlos Osorio / AP

Rutgers defensive lineman Julius Turner (50) tackles Michigan State running back Connor Heyward (11) during the second half of Saturday's game.

COLLISION

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If both the Bears and Lancers advance, they will meet for the second time this season in the district championship game in three weeks at St. Joseph's Dickinson Stadium. Lakeshore won the first meeting 26-0, as the Bears had a bevy of turnovers in that game.

Lakeshore now holds a 34-30 edge in the series and since the playoffs began, the two arch rivals have met twice in the same season eight times (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016. and 2017). In four of those years, the winner of the first game lost the second encounter.

"If we should meet again, we certainly will have to clean up all those mistakes (turnovers) we made in the first meeting," added Pratley.

Both coaches report their teams are currently healthy (injury free) for the openers.

But like all teams, they must continue to avoid any coronavirus issues.

Pratley said schools had to opt out of playing openers by noon last Friday, or face "minor" monetary penalties like paying for officials. No teams in their district did.

However, statewide its been reported that some schools have opted out, including Mattawan in Division 2 and Allegan in Division 4.

DIVISION 3 DISTRICT PAIRINGS

Gull Lake (0-6) at St. Joseph (5-1)
Parma Western (4-2) at Harper Creek (4-2)
Sturgis (3-3) at Coldwater (4-2)
Niles (1-5) at Lakeshore (4-2)

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with several short fields, and Lombardi did throw for 319 yards amid all those turnovers.

"I think we only punted twice," Lombardi said.

A bigger concern was Michigan State's inability to establish a consistent running game despite plenty of attempts. A couple fourth-down runs were stopped short, and Jordan Simmons had the highest yards-per-carry average on the team at just 3.1.

That's not a good sign heading into the Michigan game. In that series, controlling the line of scrimmage is often crucial.

"One thing that's very important to be able to handle is, if in fact you do lose a game, how do you handle a loss?" Tucker said. "What is your mental disposition coming off of a game like that?"

Michigan, on the other hand, looked impressively sharp in its opener, a 49-24 win over a well regarded Minnesota team. Everything about last weekend suggested that Michigan was more ready to start the season than Michigan State – and that was no surprise, given the Spartans' recent coaching change and the unusual offseason that all teams had to deal with.

Michigan had little difficulty running the ball against Minnesota, and the question now is whether Michigan State can offer any more resistance.

"I don't want to spend too much time on last week, but I'll say one thing we can improve on is just third down," Michigan State linebacker Antjuan Simmons said. "Getting off the field on third downs, that would help us a lot. ... As far as everything else, I'm not even thinking about Rutgers. It's all Michigan from here on out."

BEARS

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defenders bearing down on him. But Nagy dismissed the idea of going back to the more mobile Trubisky, who started the first three games before getting benched.

"In regards to a mobile quarterback, I'm not so sure that that's the answer with that, with what we're talking about, with the drop-back of a quarterback and the tackle situation," Nagy said.

The Bears are averaging a league-low 84.1 yards rushing, and rank 29th in total yards per game and 27th in scoring (19.7 points).

Clearly, they have a wide range of issues. When it comes to who's calling plays, Nagy is open to handing off those duties. But for now, he is staying the course.

"Right now, where we're at, that's not where we think it's at," Nagy said. "But at the same point in time, I'll always continue each week to look at it. I'll say this, too. When you're in a little bit of a rut like we are, a lot of bit of a rut like we are right now, you have to look at everything."

What's working

The defense. By no means was it a great night, with the Bears allowing a season-high 161 yards rushing and 371 yards in all. But the defense produced Chicago's lone touchdown, when Eddie Jackson returned a fumble 8 yards in the fourth quarter.

What needs help

The offensive line. The line continues to be a big issue for the Bears. And they don't appear to have any real solutions on the bench. Unless they bring in outside help, any improvement will have to come from within.

Stock up

TE Cole Kmet. The second-round draft pick from Notre Dame is playing his way into a bigger role. He caught a touchdown in the win at Carolina last week, and he had a neat grab on Monday night. With Foles throwing across his body, Kmet turned, leaped and hauled in a 38-yard pass over Justin Hollins along the left sideline.

"He's making plays," Nagy said. "There's a trust element there I think you're starting to really see and it's growing, and when you have a ball thrown your way when you're absolutely covered and you make a play, that's neat to see."

Stock down

PR Ted Ginn Jr. The 35-year-old Ginn simply hasn't been the steady hand the Bears needed once Tarik Cohen tore his ACL in Chicago's win at Atlanta in Week 3. Against the Rams, he looked helpless.

Ginn did not run one back as Johnny Hekker buried the Bears inside the 10 on all five of his punts.

He has five returns for 24 yards since Cohen went down.

And with just three receptions for 40 yards, he's not giving the Bears much on offense, either.

Injured

Center Cody Whitehair injured his calf in the second half, though Nagy said after the game he thought Whitehair was OK.

TITANS

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couldn't really spring either Christian or Alex free tonight."

The loss ended a very successful season for Lutheran, which upset Hartford 4-3 in Saturday's district final. The Titans will graduate 13 seniors.

"When the current seniors were freshmen, we did not win a single game," Jackemeyer said. "Their development has just been huge, and it's really elevated our program to new heights."

CALVIN CHRISTIAN 6, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 0

Goals — Jack Hollebeek 2, Nolan Karel 2, Jack DeYoung, Matt Kunst.
Shots on goal – Calvin Christian 20, Lutheran 0.
Saves – Adam Rosenbaum (ML) 14.
Halftime – Calvin Christian 3-0.
Records – Calvin Christian 17-0-2, Michigan Lutheran 6-6-1.

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Lions acquire DE Griffen from Cowboys for conditional pick

By LARRY LAGE
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Ron Jenkins / AP

Former Dallas Cowboys defensive end Everson Griffen celebrates after the team's win in a game earlier this season.

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions have acquired veteran defensive end Everson Griffen from the Dallas Cowboys for a conditional draft pick to strengthen one of the team's weaknesses.

The Cowboys announced the deal Tuesday night, adding the selection from Detroit could be as high as a fifth-round pick in 2021.

The Lions (3-3) are in win-now mode under general manager Bob Quinn and coach Matt Patricia after they were told by ownership their jobs were in jeopardy if the team didn't at least contend for a spot in the playoffs this season.

Without quarterback Dak Prescott, the Cowboys (2-5) are struggling and added an asset for a backup defensive end.

Detroit has just eight sacks this season, ranking among the worst in the league at getting to quarterbacks.

The 32-year-old Griffen has 77 career sacks, including 2 ½ this season as a reserve in seven games with the Cowboys.

He gives the Lions a desperately needed pass-rushing option to go along with Trey Flowers and Romeo Okwara, whose brother, Julian, was put on injured reserve last week. Detroit drafted Julian Okwara in the third round this year.

Griffen signed a $6 million, one-year deal in August with Dallas as a free agent. In February, he opted out of the final three years of his contract with the Vikings and became a free agent.

The Minnesota Vikings drafted Griffen in the fourth round of the 2010 draft and he spent 10 years with the franchise. He didn't become a starter until his fifth season in 2014, then averaged nearly 11 sacks per year over four seasons.

Griffen took five games off two years ago to treat his mental health.

He was taken by ambulance to a hospital the day before a game in 2018 after a series of incidents in which he threatened gun violence in a hotel lobby and made repeated comments about believing people were trying to kill him.

Par 3 Contest out, 'College GameDay' in at different Masters

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Erin Nelson

ESPN's Lee Corso wears an Alabama mascot head after picking Alabama to win over Texas A&M as Vern Lundquist, left, and Kirk Herbstreit laugh on the set of ESPN's College GameDay outside Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala. on Oct. 22, 2016.

The Par 3 Contest is out at the spectator-free Masters in November.

ESPN's "College GameDay" is in.

Augusta National announced Tuesday more changes to a Masters tournament that will be unlike any of the previous 83. The most unusual of all is ESPN's popular college football pregame show taking place on a stage that overlooks Ike's Pond and the ninth green of the Par 3 course.

"When exploring ways to showcase a fall Masters, we were drawn to the concept of hosting 'College GameDay' at Augusta National to introduce the tournament to a new audience and provide even more anticipation and excitement to the event," Augusta National Chairman Fred Ridley said.

It helps that ESPN is a broadcast partner of the Masters and will televise the opening two rounds.

The coverage typically begins on Wednesday with the Par 3 Contest, a showcase of past champions and current players before an enormous gallery that rarely lacks for big roars, such as the time Jack Nicklaus had his grandson play a shot and he made a hole-in-one.

The Par 3 Contest dates to 1960 and is a big part of the tradition at Augusta National, mainly the jinx that no one has ever won the Par 3 and the Masters in the same year.

"We know that experience could not have been replicated without guests and patrons at Augusta National," Ridley said.

So much about this Masters is different because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which shut down golf on March 13 and led Augusta National to postpone the Masters until Nov. 12-15, without spectators for the first time.

Because of the fall date and shorter daylight hours, the club said the weekday rounds would be played in threesomes off the first and 10th tees in morning and afternoon waves. The field remains set at 96 players who were eligible in April. Those who have qualified since then, such as PGA Tour winners Daniel Berger and Jim Herman, will not play until 2021.

"College GameDay" will certainly get a venue unlike any other. It typically travels to a college stadium that features a marquee matchup – Alabama has hosted it the most times since it began in 1993 – though it has gone off campus.

The most notable was in 2017 when "College GameDay" was held in Times Square. It also was held on the USS San Diego in 2012 as part of a salute to veterans.

ESPN said host Rece Davis will be joined at Augusta National by analyst Kirk Herbstreit, former Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard and former Georgia star David Pollack, among others.

"Any time 'College GameDay' travels to a new destination it's special, and the opportunity to be on the grounds of Augusta National Golf Club during the Masters is extraordinary," said Jimmy Pitaro, chairman of ESPN and Sports Content.

Because of the pandemic, no spectators have been on site for the program. For the Masters, players are allowed to bring a spouse or family member, while Augusta National members also are allowed on the grounds.

The ESPN show on Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to noon, ending an hour before the CBS coverage starts of the third round.

One tradition won't change. The Masters said six-time champion Jack Nicklaus and three-time champion Gary Player will hit the ceremonial first tee shot. Starting times have not been announced, but they will be early.

The club already has announced that those who bought tickets through Augusta National will be able to shop for merchandise online (two purchases). It also has a free email newsletter from the Masters that it will send to all fans.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

GIRLS SWIMMING

PORTAGE CENTRAL 102, BRIDGMAN 83

200 medley relay — Portage Central 1:58.79; 200 freestyle – Audrey Dixon (B) 1:57.45; 200 IM – Caroline Miller (PC) 2:17.80; 50 freestyle – Megan Gibson (PC) 26.03; diving – Lena MacMartin (B) 183.20; 100 butterfly – Octavia Demmin (PC) 1:06.59; 100 freestyle – Audrey Dixon (B) 53.93; 500 freestyle – Sloane Kann (PC) 5:26.83; 200 free relay – Bridgman (Madylin Keigley, Eden Gray, Lucia Gianni, Audrey Dixon) 1:47.33; 100 backstroke – Caroline Miller (PC) 1:01.03; 100 breaststroke – Eden Gray (B) 1:15.97; 400 free relay – Bridgman (Madylin Keigley, Jalynn Krieger, Lucia Gianni, Audrey Dixon) 3:52.30.

LOY NORRIX 120, ST. JOSEPH 66

Complete results unavailable.

VOLLEYBALL

ST. JOSEPH D. BUCHANAN
25-20, 25-11, 25-19

St. Joseph — Kate Gersonde 2 assists, 6 digs; Emily Watson 3 kills, 17 assists, 11 digs; Bea Craig 4 kills, 1 ace, 6 blocks; Kiki Sohn 1 kill, 5 aces, 9 digs; Adriana Pierangeli 3 kills, 1 assist; Taylor Valdes 1 kill, 1 ace, 2 digs; Lindsey Piontek 1 kill, 2 aces; Olivia Robinson 1 kill, 1 ace; Karly Klaer 18 kills, 9 assists, 6 aces, 4 digs; Hailey Robinson 3 digs.
Buchanan – Josie West 5 kills; Hailey Jonazke 8 digs; Katie Schau 3 aces; Kylie Boller 2 blocks; Claire Shelton 9 assists.

BERRIEN SPRINGS D. HARTFORD
25-8, 25-9, 25-6

Berrien Springs — Kirsten Krause 1 kill, 3 aces, 3 digs, 10 assists; Jessy Silva 1 kill, 11 aces, 11 digs; Gabby Cuthbert 4 kills, 5 aces, 4 digs; Sarah Davey 1 block, 6 kills, 1 ace; Jakyrah Palmer 3 kills; Ellie Griffiths 4 kills, 6 aces, 3 digs; Olivia Elliott 5 kills, 2 aces, 5 digs, 8 assists.
Hartford – Khashya McCoy 3 kills, 5 digs; Alexis Snodgrass 3 kills, 10 digs; Mercedes Requenes 1 kill; Ariah Jordan 1 kill; Mary Pultz 3 assists, 4 digs; Karly Manning 2 assists; Meghan Deckard 1 assist; Emilie Filmore 4 digs.
Records – Berrien Springs 11-15, Hartford 2-16.

Monday's results

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN D. COMSTOCK
25-18, 25-21, 20-25, 25-19

Lutheran — Hailey Conrad 4 kills, 12 digs, 7 assists; Sophee Garcia 9 digs, 9 assists, 3 aces; Brooke Gerlach 11 kills, 7 digs; Abigail Marquis 9 kills, 2 blocks, 6 digs, 5 aces; Jenna Koehler 2 kills, 18 digs; Natalie Ritter 3 kills, 4 digs; Jules Koehler 6 digs; Reese Maas 10 digs; Kennedy Stillson 4 digs; Kaylee Schebel 2 kills; Andrea Hisle 2 kills.
Records – Michigan Lutheran 8-7.

SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	174	178
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	2	4	0	.333	115	143
N.Y. Jets	0	7	0	.000	85	203
South						
Tennessee	5	1	0	.833	188	153
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157	115
Houston	1	6	0	.142	166	217
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.142	154	220
North						
Pittsburgh	6	0	0	1.000	183	118
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	5	2	0	.714	200	221
Cincinnati	1	5	1	.214	163	194
West						
Kansas City	6	1	0	.857	218	143
Las Vegas	3	3	0	.500	171	197
Denver	2	4	0	.333	116	153
L.A. Chargers	2	4	0	.333	149	154

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Phila.	2	4	1	.357	163	196
Dallas	2	5	0	.285	176	243
Washington	2	5	0	.285	133	165
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.142	122	174
South						
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	222	142
New Orleans	4	2	0	.666	180	174
Carolina	3	4	0	.428	162	168
Atlanta	1	6	0	.142	184	207
North						
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	197	159
Chicago	5	2	0	.714	138	140
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	156	165
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155	192
West						
Seattle	5	1	0	.833	203	172
Arizona	5	2	0	.714	203	146
L.A. Rams	5	2	0	.714	176	124
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	181	136

Monday's Game
L.A. Rams 24, Chicago 10
Thursday's Game
Atlanta at Carolina, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Phila., 8:20 p.m.
Open: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington
Monday, Nov. 2
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football Schedule
Thursday, Oct. 29
South Alabama (3-2) at Georgia Southern (3-2), 7:30 p.m.
Colorado St. at Fresno St. (0-1), 10 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 30
Marshall (5-0) at FIU (0-3), 7 p.m.
SE Missouri at S. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Minnesota (0-1) at Maryland (0-1), 7:30 p.m.
East Carolina (1-3) at Tulsa (2-1), 9 p.m.
Hawaii (1-0) at Wyoming (0-1), 9:45 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 31
Wake Forest (3-2) at Syracuse (1-5), Noon
Kansas St. (4-1) at West Virginia (3-2), Noon
Boston College (4-2) at Clemson (6-0), Noon
Temple (1-2) at Tulane (2-4), Noon
Georgia (3-1) at Kentucky (2-3), Noon
Coastal Carolina (5-0) at Georgia St. (2-2), Noon
UTSA (4-3) at FAU (1-1), Noon
Michigan St. (0-1) at Michigan (1-0), Noon
Memphis (3-1) at Cincinnati (4-0), Noon
Purdue (1-0) at Illinois (0-1), Noon
Iowa St. (3-2) at Kansas (0-5), Noon
North Texas (2-3) at UTEP (3-3), 2 p.m.
UCF (3-2) at Houston (2-1), 2 p.m.
Western Colorado at SF Austin (3-3), 3 p.m.
Troy (3-2) at Arkansas St. (3-3), 3 p.m.
Rice (0-1) at Southern Miss. (1-4), 3 p.m.
Abilene Christ. (0-3) at Mercer (0-2), 3 p.m.
Notre Dame (5-0) at Georgia Tech (2-4), 3:30 p.m.
UAB (4-2) at Louisiana Tech (3-3), 3:30 p.m.
LSU (2-2) at Auburn (3-2), 3:30 p.m.
Indiana (1-0) at Rutgers (1-0), 3:30 p.m.
Northwestern (1-0) at Iowa (0-1), 3:30 p.m.
Wisconsin (1-0) at Nebraska (0-1), 3:30 p.m.
TCU (1-3) at Baylor (1-2), 3:30 p.m.
MWSU at Cent. Arkansas (3-4), 4 p.m.
Texas (3-2) at Oklahoma St. (4-0), 4 p.m.
Mississippi (1-4) at Vanderbilt (0-3), 4 p.m.
App. State (3-1) at La.-Monroe (0-6), 4 p.m.
Virginia Tech (3-2) at Louisville (2-4), 4 p.m.
Boise St. (1-0) at Air Force (1-1), 6 p.m.
Mississippi St. (1-3) at Alabama (5-0), 7 p.m.
Charlotte (2-2) at Duke (1-5), 7 p.m.
New Mexico at San Jose St. (1-0), 7 p.m.
Missouri (2-2) at Florida (2-1), 7:30 p.m.
Ohio St. (1-0) at Penn St. (0-1), 7:30 p.m.
Navy (3-3) at SMU (5-1), 7:30 p.m.
Arkansas (2-2) at Texas A&M (3-1), 7:30 p.m.
La.-Lafayette (4-1) at TX State (1-6), 8 p.m.
Oklahoma (3-2) at Texas Tech (2-3), 8 p.m.
North Carolina (4-1) at Virginia (1-4), 8 p.m.
SDSU (1-0) at Utah St. (0-1), 9:30 p.m.
W. Kentucky (2-4) at BYU (6-0), 10:15 p.m.
Nevada (1-0) at UNLV (0-1), 10:30 p.m.

MLB

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
at Arlington, Texas (All Games on Fox)
Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Tampa Bay 2
Sunday, Oct. 25: Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Tampa Bay 2
Tuesday, Oct. 27: Tampa Bay (Snell 4-2) vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Gonsolin 2-2)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 28: Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:09 p.m.

PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING OCT. 28

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Housewife	The Conners (N)	black-ish (N)	The Con "The Varsity Blues Con" (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	The Amazing Race (N) CC		Big Brother Houseguests vie for the power of veto. (N) CC			
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Wall "Denise and Tisha" CC		American Ninja Warrior "Finals 1" The 28 ninjas face 10 obstacles. (N) CC (DVS)			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer (N) CC (DVS)		:01 I Can See Your Voice (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Debate	Nature "Australian Bushfire Rescue" (N)		NOVA Solutions to cool the planet. (N)		The Age of Nature "Changing" CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Devils Vicky's investigation is shut down.		Coroner "Unburied" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "The Alibi" CC		Dateline "The Night Before Halloween"		Dateline "Return to Manitowoc County"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Devils Vicky's investigation is shut down.		Coroner "Unburied" (N)		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Things We Lost"		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	MLS Soccer Chicago Fire FC at Philadelphia Union. From Subaru Park in Chester, Pa. (N)				Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Jack Reacher	American Sniper ('14) Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle logs an incredible number of kills. CC					
AMC	Seed of Chucky	Ghost Ship ('02, Horror) Julianna Margulies, Ron Eldard. CC				The Final Destination ('09) CC	
Animal	Lone Star	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Wo. Law	
BET	Big Mom	Payne	As. Living	Tyler Perry's Sistas		Games People Play	
Big Ten	Women's College Volleyball CC				Women's College Volleyball		
Bravo	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Watch What	Housewives/OC
Cartoon	Victor	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	6:00 Anna ('19)	Winter's Bone ('10, Drama) Jennifer Lawrence. CC			:40 The Quarry ('20, Suspense) Shea Whigham. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Gold Rush "The Perfect Storm" Gold prices spike to record highs. CC				:01 Gold Rush (N) CC	
Disney	Descend	Big City	Amphibia	Mickey	Bizaard	Bizaard	Bizaard
DIY	Restored	Restored CC		Restored (N) CC		Restored CC	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	Baseball	To Be Announced				MLS Soccer	
ESPN2	The Jump	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		NFL Live CC	
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Spartans	NFL Football Detroit Lions at Atlanta Falcons. (Taped)					Inside
Freefrm	6:30 Monsters, Inc. ('01)	Monsters University ('13, Children's) Voices of Billy Crystal, John Goodman. CC					
FX	Goosebumps	Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween ('18) Madison Iseman. (P).				Goosebumps ('15) CC	
Golf	PGA	Muni CC		GOLF Films CC		Golf East Lake Cup,	
Hallmark	Christmas Scavenge	Christmas Town ('19, Romance) Candace Cameron Bure, Tim Rozon. CC				Christmas in Rome ('19) CC	
HBO	:45 REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel	:45 Prometheus ('12, Science Fiction) Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender, Charlize Theron. CC					
History	Forged	Forged in Fire: Judges' Cut Attila the Hun's Sword of Mars. (N)					
HGTV	Bones	Martha	Martha	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Pregnant	Secretly Pregnant		Secretly Pregnant		Secretly Pregnant	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight ((F)) The couples must make their decision. (N) CC				:03 Married at First Sight (N) CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		Catfish: The TV		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Victory	NASCAR Cup Series Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500.					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Un	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Locked	Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Kemper on Kemper: Inside The Mind of a Serial Killer CC				Golden State Killer: Main Suspect CC	
Parmt	:00 Gone in 60 Seconds			Con Air ('97) Nicolas Cage. CC			
Showtime	Catch Me if You Can ('02, Comedy-Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks. CC					Legally Blonde ('01) CC	
Starz	5:54 Titanic ('97) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC			:12 Here Comes the Boom ('12, Comedy) Kevin James, Salma Hayek. CC			
STZENC	6:31 Vacancy	The Entity ('82, Horror) Barbara Hershey, Ron Silver, George Coe. CC				:09 The Wolfman ('10) CC	
SyFy	Insidious: The Last Key ('18, Horror) Lin Shaye, Leigh Whannell. CC				:45 It Follows ('14, Horror) Maika Monroe. CC		
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Desire Me	The Best Man ('64, Drama) Henry Fonda, Cliff Robertson. CC				The Last Hurrah ('58)	
TMC	Zero Days ('16)	The Manchurian Candidate ('04) Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep. CC				:10 Red Joan ('18) Judi Dench.	
TNT	A Team	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Star Wars: The	
Travel	Terrifying	Paranormal Caught on Camera "Top 40 Countdown" (N) CC					
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				:08 The Purge: Anarchy ('14)	
VH1	:00 B.A.P.S ('97) CC			Diary of a Mad Black Woman			
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Exercise with afib appears to be a good practice

DEAR DOCTORS: I used to be pretty active, but after a diagnosis of Afib in the spring, I've become reluctant to exercise. My wife is after me to get moving again, and my son says he just read that people with Afib live longer if they exercise. Is he right?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: Your son appears to be up on the latest research regarding people living with the heart condition known as atrial fibrillation, also referred to as Afib or AF. We'll get to that in a moment, but first, the basics. Afib is a common heart rhythm problem, or arrhythmia, in which the upper chambers of the heart aren't behaving properly. Instead of beating in a regular and predictable fashion, the upper chambers, which are called atria, quiver and fail to coordinate with the lower chambers of the heart, known as ventricles. This results in a chaotic and disorganized heartbeat, which interferes with the efficient and orderly flow of blood through the heart. Afib can also lead to the formation of blood clots, which increases the risk of stroke.

For some people, Afib has no discernable symptoms. They may only become aware of the condition when it's discovered during a routine doctor's visit. Others can feel physical sensations, such as an irregular heartbeat, skipped beats or a racing heart. Afib can cause someone to feel dizzy or lightheaded, have chest pains and experience shortness of breath or fatigue that is out of proportion to their exertions.

Treatment typically includes medication to control the heart rate, blood thinners to guard against stroke and lifestyle changes to manage risk factors. Those risk factors include obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, alcohol use, smoking and hyperthyroidism. Advanced age and certain existing heart problems also raise the risk of developing Afib. In some cases, surgery to shut down the area of heart tissue that is dictating the rogue heartbeat may be recommended.

It's not surprising that, when diagnosed with any type of heart problem, someone might be leery about exercise and exertion. However, a study published earlier this year in the European Heart Journal had good news. Researchers who studied 1,100 people living with Afib over the course of nine years found that individuals who got regular exercise were 45 percent less likely to have died at the end of the study period than those who remained sedentary. It's important to note that, while observational studies like this can pinpoint a certain outcome, they can't establish the reason it was reached. Exercise was a common factor among the people who lived longer, but the study can only suggest it as a factor in their longevity, and not decisively prove it.

Still, a wealth of existing research links exercise with lower blood pressure, improved blood lipid levels, better blood glucose management and weight control – each a risk factor in Afib. Our advice is to listen to your family and get moving again. Check in with your health care provider, share your worries, and together you can craft an exercise plan that's safe and appropriate.

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Will sobriety change her friendships?

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm a late-40s professional woman with a drinking problem. I keep a job and have a successful career and happy family, but I drink too much and have for some time.

Corona lockdown really made things worse. I struggled with quitting and with shame, and I'm now 23 days sober.

Carolyn Hax

I haven't told any of my friends or family – except my husband – because of shame, the worry that it will alter all of my relationships, and that certain folks won't choose to spend time with me anymore. At this point, my plan is to just tell them I'm doing a Sober [October] and kick the talk down the road a bit.

How do I deal with this? I don't want to be an object of pity and I don't want to be a killjoy. – Social Sobriety

DEAR SOCIAL SOBRIETY: You want to be sober, so just be sober.

It's a two-part process, and you're 23 days into the harder of the two. Good for you.

Now let yourself off all the various hooks you think you're on with the second part.

First, urgently, the shame. You have a problem, and all people have one or many. No shame there. This feels unique *to you*, but it's not unique.

In fact, with substance abuse as your specific problem, your struggle is among the least exotic out there, especially now with so many people stressed out and hemmed in. So no shame there, either.

You are working on your problem, certainly no shame in that. On the contrary, what you're doing takes courage and discipline.

That's why any pity would be misplaced, by the way; don't be shy about responding that way.

As for what sobriety does to your friendships: My circle includes some who don't drink at all, don't drink anymore, don't drink to excess, don't know when to stop drinking – doesn't yours? Or, at least, isn't this range common enough that most of us take it for granted?

People deeply invested in their friends' relationships with alcohol strike me as the outliers here – unless they're partnered with them or watching them fish for their car keys. Or they're in alcohol trouble themselves and looking for excuses in numbers.

Please consider it safe to assume you are, by a long shot, the only one who gets to care what you don't have in your glass. Bring yourself back to that thought as needed, like a mantra, especially when people take "friendly" jabs at your seltzer orders.

Get used to the idea that people just say stupid things when they're adjusting to something new (and maybe projecting and getting defensive). Nobody's comments confer an obligation on you to change what you're doing or why. And truly, nobody cares to the negative. Nobody healthy.

That said, you are making changes to your social behavior, so you're right to expect those changes to ripple out into your friendships. And for that inevitability I urge this response: So what. It's not as if any of these social side effects would justify reversing your sobriety, right?

Any goodbyes you're forced to say will be hard, of course, but also necessary. Real friends rally, not just at their convenience.

So own this. Expect changes, be flexible and trust that you'll need new friends only if the oldies weren't good.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Godiva's title
5 Fiery ballroom dance
10 Minor roles for big stars
12 Flew alone
13 Use a compass
14 Well-mannered
15 Bookies' calculations
16 Flying saucer
18 Time divs.
19 Slow mover
21 Skating champion Fleming
25 Passes the buck
29 Weight deductions
30 Treasure hunter's aid
32 Be frugal
33 Pigs
34 Discourse
37 Alphabetized back-of-the-book list
38 Bullwinkle, for one
40 Grassy surface
43 Japanese currency
44 Large wine casks
48 Cantina offering
50 Depleted (2 wds.)
52 Car owner
53 Fruit high in potassium
54 Positioned
55 Kind of bean

DOWN
1 Animal fat
2 Centrally located
3 Poor passing marks
4 Not hither
5 Also
6 Confederate
7 Roulette color
8 Understands, as a joke
9 Byron offering
10 Pigeon talk
11 Amaze
12 Mollycoddle
17 Marvy
19 Logical procedure
20 Highland girl
21 Qt. parts
22 Hits the buffet
23 Hold tightly
24 It may be spliced
26 Like a neat lawn
27 Oklahoma town
28 Healthy upstairs
31 Actor — Harrison of "My Fair Lady"
35 More bashful
36 Toolshed item
39 Disrespect
40 Delhi attire
41 Neglect
42 TV's — Letterman
44 "I came," to Caesar
45 Sandler or West
46 Canned fish
47 Health club
48 Six-pointers
49 Escorted
51 Mule of songdom

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	I	V	E		C	A	M		R	O	B	
O	R	A	L		A	G	A		E	L	A	N
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	D	Y	E		Y	E	S		N	A	B	S

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RMEAF

KRAFN

TFUIOT

GEEEMR

Say Cheese!
Would you like a no-cost family sitting?
Thank you. We'll look into it.
Can I have one too?
THE NO-COST FAMILY PHOTO COUPONS WERE ---

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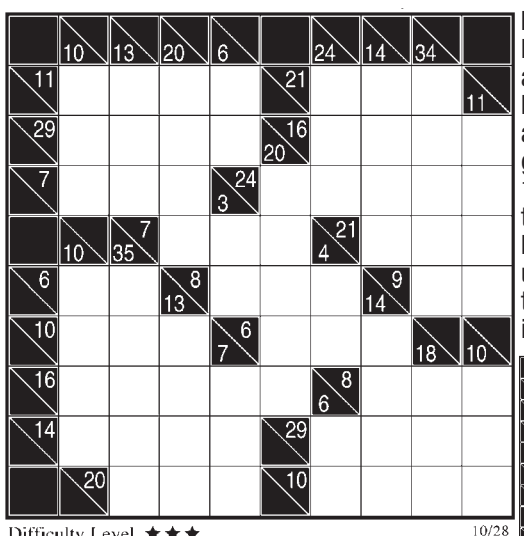
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

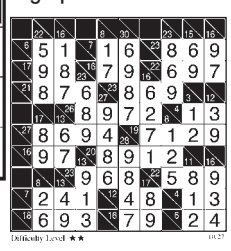
Yesterday's Jumbles: THREW EAGLE INHALE DIVINE
Answer: To see who was the best arm wrestler, they — HELD AN EVENT

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/28



Difficulty Level ★★ 10/27

BRIDGE

Victoria Pendleton, a British track cyclist, once said, "I just want to prove that I am really good at something. And I haven't quite done that yet – at least not to myself. I know I could ride so much better, with more ease, with more finesse. I feel I'm nowhere near as good as I should be." She is now a multiple Olympic, World, European and Commonwealth champion.

As you know, we are faced with finesses in virtually every deal. Taking the right one can decide whether we end as a medal winner or an also-ran. In today's deal, how should South play in six hearts after West leads the club jack, and South wins with his queen?

North's three-spade rebid artificially announced slam interest in hearts. It was coincidental that he had spade length. (Similarly, two no-trump – three clubs – three spades – four hearts is a slam-try in spades.) There followed three control-bids and a slightly optimistic jump to six hearts.

The original South immediately cashed his two top hearts, learning that he had an unavoidable loser, ruffed his club seven on the board and played a diamond to his queen. But West produced the king, and the contract had to fail.

Was South unlucky, or did he overlook something?

Suppose the diamond finesse had won – then what? Declarer would still have needed the spade finesse to work. But if it did win, and the suit split 3-2, he could have discarded his diamond jack and diamond queen on the spade nine and spade two. The diamond finesse was a red herring.

North 10-28-20
♠ A K J 9 2
♥ J 9 3 2
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 8

West
♠ Q 7 5
♥ 6 5
♦ K 7 4
♣ J 10 9 3 2

East
♠ 10 8
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 10 6 3 2
♣ K 6 5 4

South
♠ 6 4 3
♥ A K 7 4
♦ A Q J
♣ A Q 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

1		2	5	6	9			
9				7	8	5		
	7							
	2	7	4					9
	5			1			6	
4					6	7	5	
							7	
		4	9	5				1
			1	8	7	3		5

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	9	1	3	6	8	5	7	4
8	7	5	4	1	2	6	9	3
3	4	6	5	7	9	1	2	8
9	2	3	6	4	7	8	5	1
7	1	8	9	3	5	2	4	6
6	5	4	8	2	1	7	3	9
5	8	2	1	9	3	4	6	7
4	3	7	2	8	6	9	1	5
1	6	9	7	5	4	3	8	2

BEETLE BAILEY

MAY I SEE THE GENERAL ?
BELIEVE ME, THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME. I CAN TELL
SOMETIMES IT'S THE FIRE IN HIS EYES, SOMETIMES THE ANGER IN HIS VOICE...
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
THE FURY OF HIS EAR STEAM
GREG + MORT WALKER
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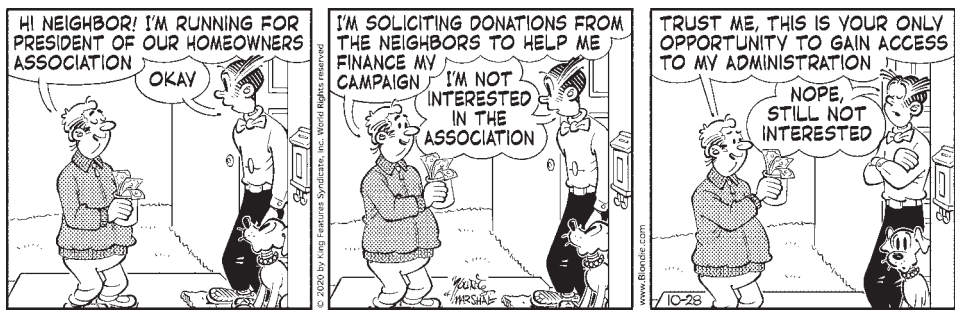
HI NEIGHBOR! I'M RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT OF OUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
OKAY
I'M SOLICITING DONATIONS FROM THE NEIGHBORS TO HELP ME FINANCE MY CAMPAIGN
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THE ASSOCIATION
TRUST ME, THIS IS YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN ACCESS TO MY ADMINISTRATION
NOPE, STILL NOT INTERESTED
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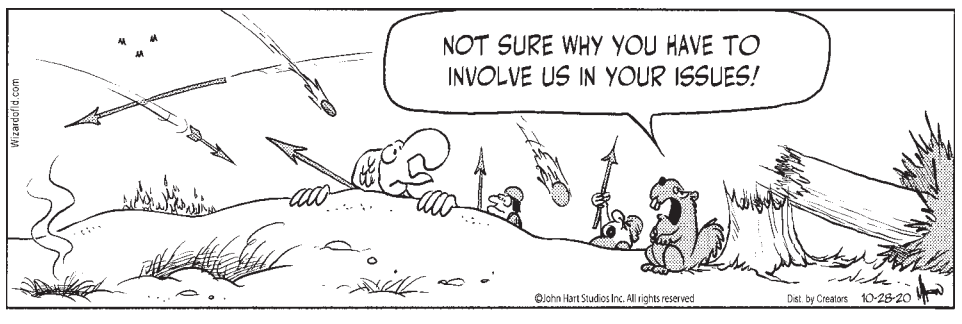
HI & LOIS

BC

WIZARD OF ID


NOT SURE WHY YOU HAVE TO INVOLVE US IN YOUR ISSUES!
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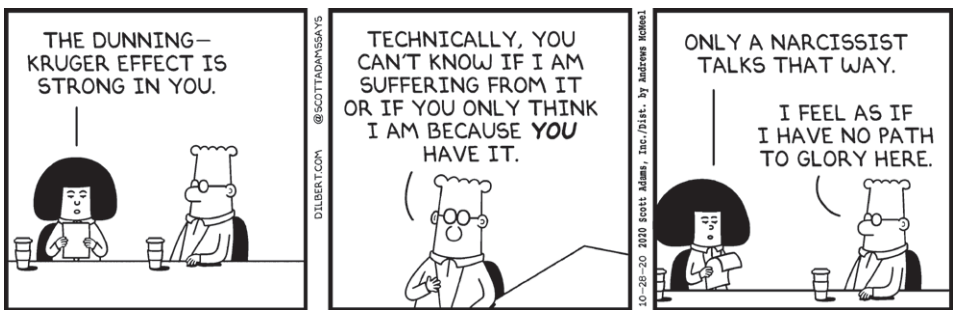
DILBERT


THE DUNNING–KRUGER EFFECT IS STRONG IN YOU.
TECHNICALLY, YOU CAN'T KNOW IF I AM SUFFERING FROM IT OR IF YOU ONLY THINK I AM BECAUSE YOU HAVE IT.
ONLY A NARCISSIST TALKS THAT WAY.
I FEEL AS IF I HAVE NO PATH TO GLORY HERE.
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GARFIELD

WHAT A BORING HORROR MOVIE!
I JUST WISH SOMETHING WOULD HAPPE-
JIM DAVIS 10-28
IS THAT AN EYEBALL?
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FORT KNOX

GRANDMOTHER, THAT MASK IS SCARING A LOT OF PEOPLE.
BUT NOT YOU?
NO, IT TAKES A LOT MORE THAN THAT TO SCARE ME.
THEN WHAT SCARES YOU?
RUNNING OUT OF STARCH.
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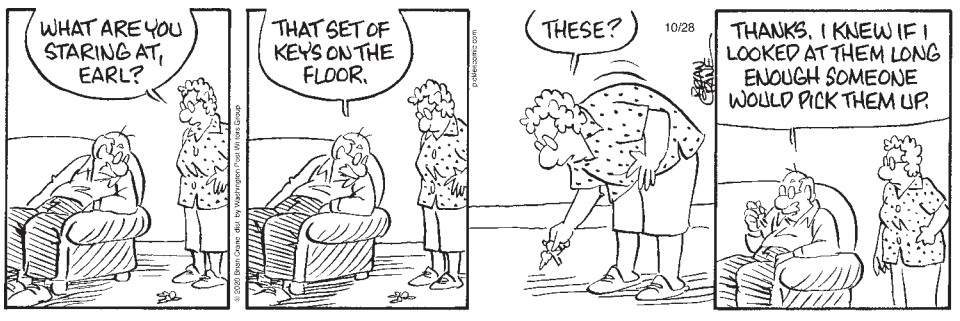
PICKLES


WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT, EARL?
THAT SET OF KEYS ON THE FLOOR.
THESE?
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THANKS. I KNEW IF I LOOKED AT THEM LONG ENOUGH SOMEONE WOULD PICK THEM UP.
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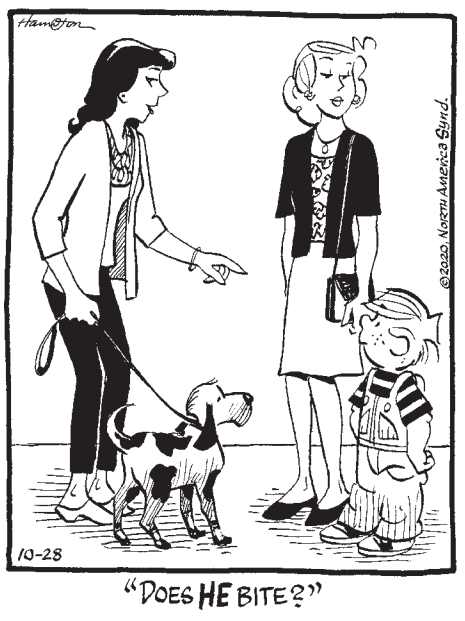
FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE



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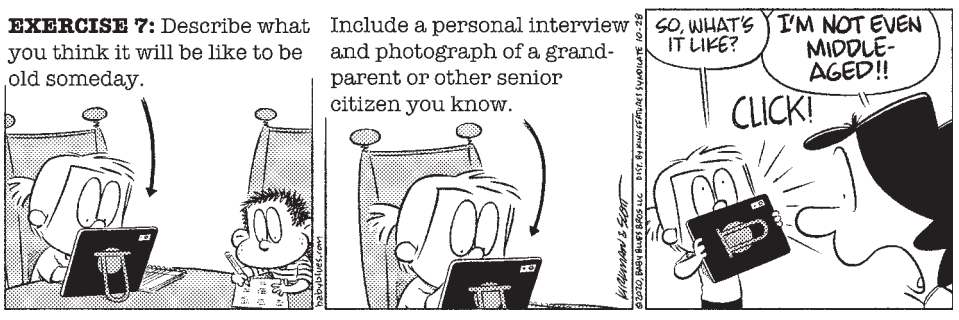
EXERCISE 7: Describe what you think it will be like to be old someday.
Include a personal interview and photograph of a grandparent or other senior citizen you know.
SO, WHAT'S IT LIKE?
I'M NOT EVEN MIDDLE-AGED!!
CLICK!
babyblues.com

CURTIS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR
10-28
THE HEADLESS CREATURE LURKS IN MILLER'S JUNKYARD!
"IT WANTS TO RIP OFF A VICTIM'S HEAD AND USE IT AS ITS OWN."
BILWINGSLEY
NOT THE WORST THING HAPPENING THESE DAYS
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ZITS

MOM, HOW DO YOU GET TO THAT PIZZA PLACE YOU LIKE?
HERE, I'LL DRAW YOU A MAP.
HA! HA! HA! HA!
THAT'S REALLY HOW PEOPLE USED TO GET DIRECTIONS?
WEIRD, RIGHT?
DO YOU WANT THIS OR WHAT??
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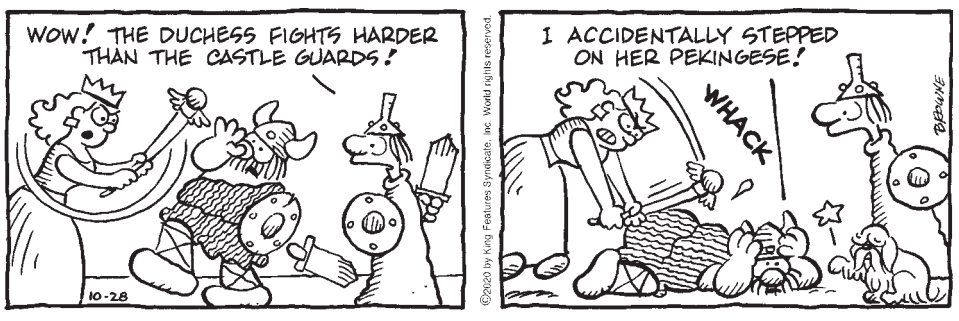
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


WOW! THE DUCHESS FIGHTS HARDER THAN THE CASTLE GUARDS!
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I ACCIDENTALLY STEPPED ON HER PEKINGESE!
WHACK
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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MIKE PETERS
SAY...
COULD YOU PUT THE CLOSED CAPTIONS ON TOP OF THE SCREEN AND NOT THE BOTTOM?
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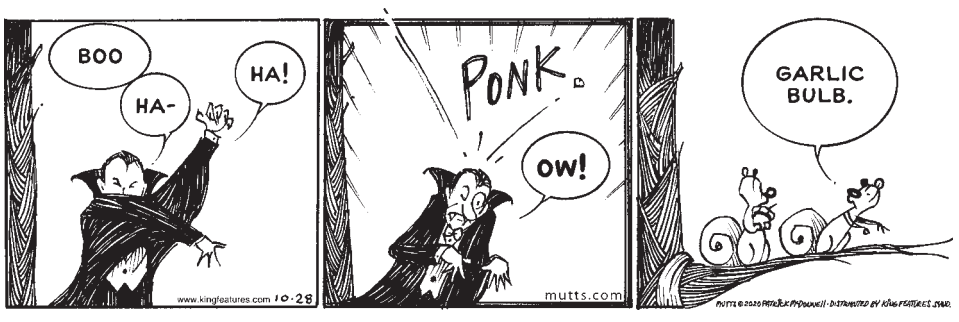
MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GETTING READY FOR HALLOWEEN AND FORGOT ABOUT ME?
10-28
WHAT. ON EARTH. WAS THAT?
I'M THE SPIRIT OF HILARY'S HAUNTED DOLL YOU RELEASED LAST YEAR AND SAID COULD LIVE HERE.
SOOO... WE'RE GOING TO SAY THAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED?
HEY, I RECOGNIZE ALL OF YOU! WELL, MOSTLY THE CAT. SHE REALLY GETS ME.
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SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

95 yr old Ohio man dodges nursing home

Seniors born before 1956 rush to get new miracle device that comes with free monthly service for life and unlimited nationwide help with just the push of a button

His name is Harry, but everybody calls him Pete.

He's a feisty guy that can jitterbug better than someone more than half his age. Pete Shaw is the life of the party. He can tell one joke after the other and usually holds court doing just that.

Pete is 95 years old. He served in World War II at Normandy and has a wall full of medals to prove it.

"It started with the slower steps, the reduced hearing and vision. I hated it, but I started thinking maybe it was time to give up the apartment," said Pete.

Then his son and daughter-in-law suggested he move in with them and Pete reluctantly agreed.

Everything seemed fine at first.

"This little FastHelp device is my guardian angel. I'm so glad my daughter-in-law got it for me."

-Pete Shaw
Decorated WWII Veteran

But then Pete's daughter-in-law, Maryanne, began to notice the shuffling steps, the difficulty managing mundane tasks, like putting on his socks but worst of all she found out about some falls, nothing serious yet but really disturbing.

Maryanne started to get worried because she and her husband weren't home 24-7 and what if something happened when they weren't around? That wasn't a risk Maryanne was willing to take.

"I started looking into medical alert devices. But the monthly fees were like $50 to $100 every single month." said Maryanne, "That adds up quickly and quite honestly we just didn't have that in the budget not to mention all the other costs, equipment, installation, deposits, it never ends."

"Just when it seemed like this story was going to end in a permanent nursing home stay for Pete, I saw an article about FastHelp in the newspaper," continued Maryanne, "I called and I found out it instantly connects you to unlimited help, nationwide, everywhere cell service is available."

"That part was great, but what really got my attention was there are no contracts, no deposits, and no monthly bills ever," Maryanne explained, "it was like all my prayers were answered, Pete would be able to avoid the nursing home."

"When I think back on it, if Pete would have been sent to a nursing home there's no telling what would have happened. We could have lost him forever," said an emotional Maryanne Shaw, "FastHelp has been a Godsend for us."

FastHelp comes with state-of-the-art cellular embedded technology which means it works at home or anywhere, anytime cell service is available so whether Pete or one of the brand new 50,000 users is out watering the garden, driving in a car, at church or even hundreds of miles away on a tour or at a casino they are never alone.

"We've never seen anything like it. Folks absolutely love the sleek new modern design and most of all, it's free for life," said Joseph Rodgers, Chief of Staff for Universal Physicians, the tech giant that developed and markets FastHelp.

"So if you've ever felt a medical alert device was too complicated or expensive, you'll want to get FastHelp, the sleek new medical alert device with no monthly bills, that's my pitch." Rodgers said.

It's a revolutionary cellular embedded medical alert device that cuts out the middleman by instantly connecting you directly to highly trained 911 operators all across the U.S.

WWII HERO GETS TO STAY AT HOME: Pete Shaw has always been sharp as a tack, but when the minor falls, shuffling steps and difficulty with everyday tasks started, sending Pete to a nursing home nearly became a reality. But that all changed, and Pete dodged the nursing home when his daughter-in-law found this number (1-800-848-9092 EXT: FHHW333) and got him a tiny new medical alert device that instantly connects him to help whenever and wherever he needs it with no monthly bills ever.

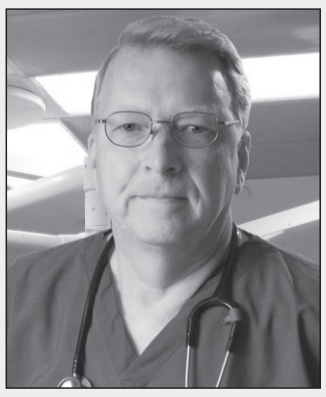
"And the best part is there's absolutely nothing to hook-up or install. You don't need a land line and you don't need a cell phone. Everything is done for you and my husband really appreciated that." said Maryanne Shaw.

Millions of seniors fall every year and spend hours lying on the floor helpless and all alone with no help. But seniors who fall and get immediate help are much more likely to avoid getting sent to a nursing home and get to STAY living in their own home safely and independently.

Yet millions of seniors are still risking their safety by not having a medical alert device. That's because seniors just can't afford to pay the monthly bills that come with old style medical alert devices.

That's why seniors who want to avoid the nursing home and its potential death sentence are rushing to get FastHelp free for life once they cover the first month as long as they call before the 2 day deadline ends. Heavy call volume is expected so if lines are busy keep trying, all calls will be answered.

How FastHelp™ keeps seniors out of nursing homes



"Do all you can to keep seniors out of nursing homes..."

-Philip Howren MD
Top Emergency Room Physician

We sat down with Philip Howren MD, top emergency room physician, to find out how FastHelp can help seniors stay out of nursing homes. This is what he said:

"I see it every day, one fall or major health event and seniors land in a nursing home when just the day before they were living in their own home independently. You see in an emergency situation seconds count and a few minutes can make all the difference.

"In fact many times in the ER you can just tell when it took too long for them to get to us and they are not going home.

"One of the primary reasons I love FastHelp is that it immediately and directly connects you to highly trained emergency operators who can help you. That saves time and can be the difference between coming back home or a potentially fatal nursing home confinement.

"Another reason seniors end up in nursing homes is their family's well-intentioned concern of losing them to an accident, heart attack, stroke or some other health issue while they are living alone. But there's really no reason to be concerned about that because when they have FastHelp they are never alone and they are never exposed to any monthly bills. It's help at the push of a button whenever and wherever they need it. And the best part is they get to continue living in their own homes and their families don't have to worry.

"Here's the bottom line, the Coronavirus Pandemic hits seniors harder than anyone else and the numbers show the nursing home is the worst place they can be, so if I can help them keep living in their own homes with FastHelp, that's a win for everyone."

HOW TO GET FASTHELP™ FREE FOR LIFE

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To get FastHelp Free For Life, call this Toll-Free Hotline:1-800-848-9092 Ext: FHHW333

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You cannot get FastHelp Free For Life and must pay $448. Call: 1-800-940-2901 Ext: FHHW333

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The Herald-Palladium CLASSIFIEDS

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Saturday & Sunday 8am-11am EST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Buchanan, MI
Two Dogs Found on Garr Rd (between Little Glendora & Grange) on Saturday 10/17
1 brown female &
1 black/dark brown male - both friendly with people.
Must show proof of ownership
Text or leave msg.
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Leave voicemail
(269) 449-8328

EMPLOYMENT

The Herald-Palladium
Now Hiring

The Herald-Palladium is looking for a Customer Service Representative

Responsibilities include answering phone, email, classified ads & telemarketing.
Will be working in a team environment as well as independently.
Needs to be organized, have strong attention to detail, able to multi-task and work in a fast-paced atmosphere.
Must be able to communicate effectively and professionally.

Customer Service and Sales Experience preferred, but willing to train the right person.
Computer Experience Required.
Must have reliable transportation.

Email your resume to Angelique:
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No Calls Please!

Notice of Election

Hagar Township, Berrien County, Michigan

November 3rd, 2020 Election

To the qualified electors of Hagar Township, notice is given that an election will be held in Hagar Township on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020. The polls will be open from 7am to 8pm. Both Precinct 1 & 2 will be open at 3900 Riverside Rd.

Please take notice that electors in both Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented as listed below:

Operating Millage Renewal and Increase

Shall Hagar Township, Berrien County, Michigan levy a renewal of .3655 mills ($.3655 per $1,000 of taxable value) in the years 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for general operating purposes which will raise in the first year of the levy, the sum of approximately $65,914. (If passed, this millage, combined with the current millage of .6345, which has been reduced due to the Headlee Reduction, will restore the total combined millage rate levied by Hagar Township for operating purposes to the previously authorized rate of 1.00 mill.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections for all registered voters. Sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities. The Clerk's office is at the Hagar Township Hall, located at 3900 Riverside Rd, and will be open 8am-4pm Saturday, October 31st and Monday November 2nd, 9am-4pm to assist voters with obtaining absent voter ballots and to accept absent voter ballots. Voters may drop their sealed absent voter ballots in a secure dropbox, which is also available 24 hours per day, located between the main entrance doors at the Township Hall

Please send any questions or concerns to the Hagar Township Clerk, hagarclerk@gmail.com or 269 849-0455

ADMINISTRATIVE

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time City Clerk to record City Council minutes and ordinances and execute all election operations in accordance with State Law and the City Charter. Ensures that all records of the City are updated and processed and are easily retrievable for the general public. Serves as the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. Associates degree in business administration, accounting, public administration or related field and two years of related experience is required. Bachelor's degree with two years of related experience is preferred.
To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov/human_resources.
Deadline for application is Nov 13. EOE

EDUCATION/ TEACHING

School Guidance Counselor

River Valley School District
Employment info at:
www.rivervalley schools.org
Deadline: Until Filled

GENERAL HELP

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time Assistant City Manager to assist in directing the preparation of plans, policies and programs to guide the growth and conservation of the City. Working with department directors, manages physical planning and land development, economic development, City building codes and land use regulations, housing conservation and rehabilitation, and community development activities. Communicates before various audiences on complex and sensitive issues. Serves as the City's Harbormaster. Assists City Manager with functions of general government administration and special projects.

Bachelor's degree in public administration, urban planning, business administration or related field is required. Master's degree in public administration or planning is preferred.

GENERAL HELP

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Deadline for application is 11/20/20. EOE

Boys' MS Basketball Coach
Girls' MS Basketball Coach

River Valley School District
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www.rivervalley schools.org
Deadline: Until filled

St Joseph, MI
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Newspaper Inserter

The Herald-Palladium is looking to add to our current staff for our production/distribution department. The main function of the position is to work as part of a team while operating the equipment to insert advertisements into the newspapers produced at our print site. Must have attention to detail to ensure the products are inserted properly.

Job Type: Part-time

To apply: Email Bruce
btheisen@heraldpalladium.com

No Calls Please!

Trade Lines

Tradeline home delivery routes opening (once a week delivery). Please contact Julie Simpleman to apply 269-429-1877

1. Saint Joseph - East of Niles Ave: St. Joseph Dr. into downtown St. Joe $150/2weeks

2. Baroda - Linco to West Hinchman and East, as far as Hollywood Rd. $75.00/2weeks

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4. Berrien Springs - Area off of Old 31/M 139 - John Beers Rd to East Lemon Creek and West, as far as Hollywood Rd. $270/2 weeks

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

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MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

Comic Books, Science Fiction Books, Pulp Magazines and Artwork wanted! Will pay cash immediately for collections large and small. Call or Text Steve: 574.276.4877 Email: mrpolyester1 @comcast.net.

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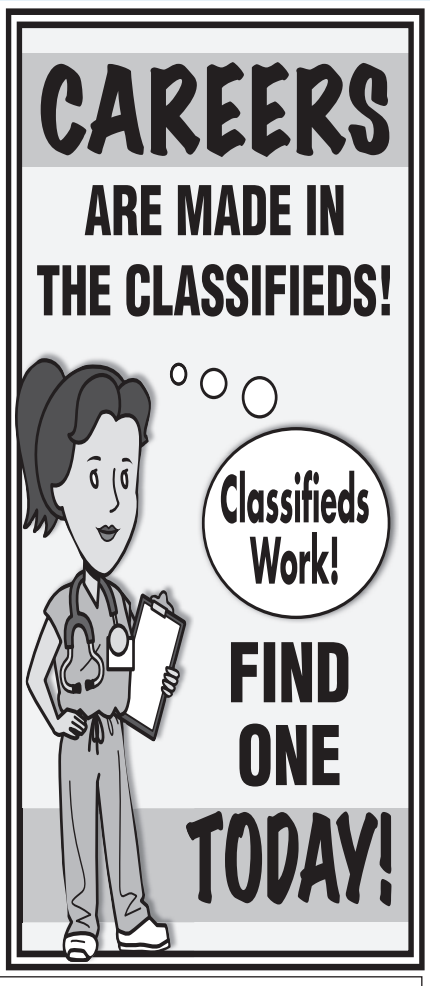

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Determine what it will take to reach your goal. Put a strategy and timeline in place and move forward. Be direct, confident and earnest, and you will win over anyone who doubts your ability. It's up to you to make things happen. Stop daydreaming and start producing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Use discretion and avoid an emotional situation. Pay attention to what's going on around you. Knowledge will be your passage to new beginnings. Education will be crucial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Home is where the heart is, so make it a place of comfort and convenience. You can improve your relationships with honesty, kindness and equality. Romance is in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful what you say. If you act in haste, you will have regrets. Include the people you love in your plans. Be prepared to take advantage of whatever comes your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Put more thought into how you earn your living. Don't jump into something prematurely for financial reasons. Make personal growth, knowledge and fitness priorities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let confusion set in. Too many choices will leave you wondering what to do next. Head in a direction that will encourage positive change and less stress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll get fired up quickly if you let your emotions take charge. Rethink your plan before you start something you cannot finish. Concentrate on what you can do to improve your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Before you make a move or life-changing decision, consider your motives and the consequences of your actions. Do what's right for you and your loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Personal improvement is favored. Refuse to let someone interfere with your plans or personal life. An important relationship may require you to make a change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be observant, not vocal. When dealing with someone who can be volatile, it's better to let things unfold naturally. Keep the peace, and avoid turmoil and interference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) How you handle matters will determine who listens to you. Don't follow someone's lead. Do your own thing, and chart a path for better days ahead. Start a new fitness routine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An investment looks promising. An updated look will help convince others that you are ready to be proactive. Be a leader, not a follower, and good things will transpire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Personal improvements will lift your spirits and encourage you to be more disciplined when it comes to your health and well-being. Let go of things and people that drag you down.

Responding to employment ads that contain a Herald-Palladium box #

No telephone calls please! We will not reveal the name of the box holder.
(A) Reply with your sealed letter Addressed as follows:

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P.O. Box 128
St. Joseph, MI
49085-0128

If you wish to reply to a box number and NOT have your letter sent to certain firms, then: B) attach a note listing which firms are NOT to receive your letter; and (C) send every thing in ANOTHER E N V E L O P E addressed as follows:

The Herald-Palladium
Classified Department
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If the advertiser is among the names you don't want to contact, we will destroy your sealed letter.

E-Mail Responses

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If you wish to reply to a box number and NOT have your letter sent to certain firms, then begin your e-mail with any company(s) where you do not wish to apply. Then include the Herald-Palladium box address as shown above.

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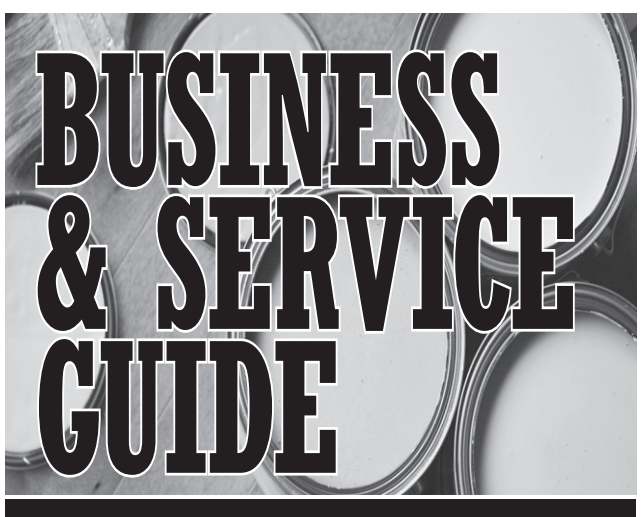

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